

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

CRI DU CHAT AWARENESS DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p-syndrome, also known as cat cry syndrome or cri du chat syndrome; and

WHEREAS, common characteristics of cri du chat syndrome include high-pitched cry in infancy, low birth weight, poor muscle tone, microcephaly, and potential medical complications; and

WHEREAS, the term "5p-" (five p minus) is used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five, which is missing in individuals with cri du chat; and

WHEREAS, children born with this rare genetic defect may require ongoing medical care and support to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to promote awareness, advocacy, and resources to support individuals with cri du chat and their families in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2019, as "CRI DU CHAT AWARENESS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.