

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) is a chronic, debilitating, non-contagious, inflammatory skin condition for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, HS causes open wounds that do not readily heal and may lead to significant scarring, disfigurement, reduced range of motion and chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, when all stages of the disease are considered, it is estimated that between 1 and 4 percent of the world's population is affected by HS; and

WHEREAS, patients experience an average delay of seven years for a proper diagnosis and often endure a severely diminished quality of life; and

WHEREAS, understanding and compassion for those with HS from family, friends, medical providers and the public at large is vital; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to two medical facilities with HS clinics and physicians who are recognized specialists in HS: University of North Carolina Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center in Chapel Hill and Duke Dermatology Clinic in Durham; and

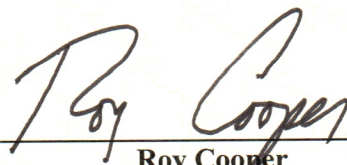
WHEREAS, the Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS) Foundation is an organization which promotes research, patient care and physician education for HS; and

WHEREAS, Hope For HS is a support group for patients with Hidradenitis Suppurativa, their loved ones and caregivers that provides advocacy and community for people in North Carolina affected by this condition; and

WHEREAS, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week aims to increase awareness, correct misconceptions, promote education, recognize the struggles of those affected and shorten the delay in HS diagnosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 3 – 9, 2019, as “**HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 fourth day of June 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-third.