



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**THROMBOCYTOPENIA AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, thrombocytopenia is any disorder that causes a person to have too few blood platelets, which can lead to abnormal bleeding or clotting; and

**WHEREAS**, thrombocytopenia is often divided into three major causes of low platelets: not enough platelets made in the bone marrow; increased breakdown of platelets in the bloodstream; and increased breakdown of platelets in the spleen or liver; and

**WHEREAS**, in some conditions, such as immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP), the immune system creates antibodies that mark healthy platelets as foreign substances and mistakenly attack and destroy them, causing a person to experience excessive bleeding, bruising, and fatigue, among other complications; and

**WHEREAS**, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (TTP) is a rare platelet disorder which causes blood clots to form in small blood vessels, restricting platelets in the blood in other parts of the body; TTP can lead to kidney failure, nervous system problems, severe bleeding, stroke, and in some instances, can be fatal; and

**WHEREAS**, TTP occurs when the ADAMTS13 enzyme does not function as it should; while approximately one percent of TTP cases are inherited, most patients have acquired TTP, the cause of which is unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, because thrombocytopenia includes many potentially life-threatening rare and ultra-rare diseases like TTP, it is imperative that advocacy groups, health care professionals, and the public continue to promote research and treatment development for platelet disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout September, the State of North Carolina commemorates the loved ones lost to blood disorders, and encourages people to raise awareness, promote resources, and advocate support to better the lives of those and their families affected by this condition in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as "**THROMBOCYTOPENIA AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.