

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, aphasia is a communication impairment caused by injury to the brain, typically as a result of a stroke, but can also occur with other neurological disorders such as a brain tumor, traumatic brain injury or progressive disease; and

**WHEREAS**, many people with aphasia also present with weakness or paralysis on the right side of the body, due to damage to the left hemisphere of the brain; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of aphasia may include a loss or reduction in the ability to access language needed to speak, comprehend or read and write, while intelligence remains intact; and

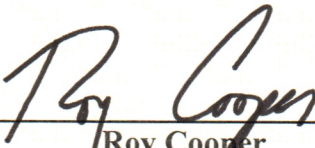
**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that more than 750,000 people suffer a stroke in the United States each year, with approximately one-third of these resulting in aphasia or other serious, long-term disability; and

**WHEREAS**, stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world, the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and the third leading cause of death in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to increase awareness, advocate resources and provide support for those and their families in our communities living with aphasia due to stroke or other neurological disorders;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2020, as “APHASIA 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 twenty-eighth of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.