



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH

2021

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 residents to increase their awareness of this disorder and to advocate resources and provide support for individuals and their families who are living with aphasia;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2021, as “**APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH**” 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 seventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.