



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## ARACHNOIDITIS AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, arachnoiditis is a rare, acute inflammatory disease that affects the membranes that cover and protect the brain, spinal cord and nerve roots; and

**WHEREAS**, this inflammation causes a variety of neurological deficits and chronic, debilitating neuropathic pain; and

**WHEREAS**, the causes of arachnoiditis include injury due to surgical interventions, especially spinal operations, trauma to the spinal cord, epidural prolapse, injections or other damage, and infections that may cause viral, fungal or bacterial meningitis; and

**WHEREAS**, the precise prevalence and incidence of arachnoiditis is unknown; however, estimates suggest that as many as 11,000 new cases occur each year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, arachnoiditis affects more females than males, which is the presumed result of more than 60 percent of pregnant women in the United States and other countries receiving spinal or epidural anesthesia during childbirth; an estimated four percent of these women develop this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, there is no complete cure for arachnoiditis, but there are therapies that may lessen the associated chronic pain and suffering; and

**WHEREAS**, because this disease can occur due to complications of surgery or epidural injection, increased awareness is imperative for both the public and our health care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to learn about the risk and symptoms of arachnoiditis, advocate research for a cure and support those and their families affected by this disease in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2019, as "ARACHNOIDITIS 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-seventh 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-second.