



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CORTICOBASAL DEGENERATION AWARENESS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD) is a rare and progressive neurological disorder characterized by nerve cell loss and atrophy in multiple areas of the brain, including the cerebral cortex and basal ganglia; and

WHEREAS, symptoms usually begin affecting individuals between the ages of 50 and 70, appearing first on one side of the body, but eventually spreading to both sides with progression; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, symptoms can include poor coordination, akinesia (an absence of movements), rigidity (a resistance to imposed movement), disequilibrium (impaired balance), and limb dystonia (abnormal muscle postures); and

WHEREAS, other symptoms can include cognitive and visual-spatial impairments, apraxia (loss of the ability to make familiar, purposeful movements), hesitant and halting speech, muscular jerks, and difficulty swallowing; and

WHEREAS, there is no specific treatment that slows down the progression of corticobasal degeneration; instead, treatment is directed toward the specific symptoms that are apparent in each individual, although most cases prove resistant to such therapy; and

WHEREAS, raising public awareness of this disease can result in earlier diagnosis, improved medical treatment, increased research efforts, and better access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the patients and families affected by this devastating disease, as well as the importance of bringing to light the need for further research and understanding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2020, as “**CORTICOBASAL DEGENERATION 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 twentieth day of December 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-fourth.