

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE MONTH**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, each year, thousands of children in the United States are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference, with cleft lip and cleft palate being the most prevalent; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle to understand what they are facing and how to move forward in their early stages of life; families are often under emotional and financial strain due to demands resulting from ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the complexity of craniofacial syndromes, the majority of affected individuals will endure multiple surgeries before they reach adulthood; and

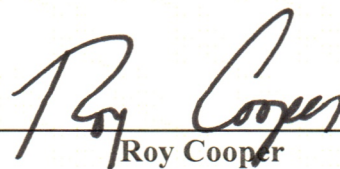
**WHEREAS**, there is a lack of education and information disseminated to the general public about individuals with facial differences; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations such as the Children's Craniofacial Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serve populations affected by craniofacial differences and the professions who care for them; these organizations empower and give hope to individuals and families affected by these facial differences, while working towards the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are, not how they look; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages and recognizes the efforts of organizations and families working to ensure a better life for those affected by craniofacial conditions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2020, as "**CRANIOFACIAL ACCEPTANCE 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 eighteenth day of August 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-fifth.