

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) AWARENESS MONTH**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is the most common viral infection in the United States, with 1 out of every 200 children born with congenital CMV; and

**WHEREAS**, congenital CMV is the most common cause of birth defects and childhood disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, congenital CMV is the leading non-genetic cause of hearing loss; and

**WHEREAS**, congenital CMV is preventable with simple behavioral interventions during pregnancy, such as practicing frequent hand washing with soap and water after contact with diapers or oral secretions, not kissing young children on the mouth, and not sharing utensils and food with young children; and

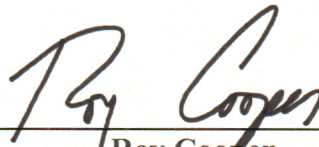
**WHEREAS**, every pregnant woman is at risk of acquiring CMV and an estimated only 9 percent of women know about it; and

**WHEREAS**, the incidence of children born with congenital CMV can be greatly reduced with public education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe CMV Awareness Month by raising awareness of congenital CMV and the measures that can help to prevent infection;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2020, as **"NATIONAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) 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 fifth day of June 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.