



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, intestinal malrotation (IM) is a congenital birth defect occurring when the intestine fails to rotate correctly during the early stages of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, malrotation may affect one in 500 births, with up to 90 percent of patients diagnosed by age one, many within the first week after birth; and

WHEREAS, IM can lead to volvulus, a life-threatening surgical emergency where the intestine twists, restricting blood flow to vital organs; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of volvulus include vomiting green bile, abdominal pain, dehydration, and lethargy; symptoms may be missed by healthcare providers, leading to misdiagnosis such as reflux or stomach flu; and

WHEREAS, to decrease the mortality and morbidity associated with malrotation and volvulus it is vital for healthcare providers and the community to be aware of signs and symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Intestinal Malrotation and Volvulus Awareness Day serves to highlight the urgency of this condition, raise awareness, increase research, educate healthcare professionals, and provide support to those affected by intestinal malrotation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2020, as **"INTESTINAL MALROTATION AND VOLVULUS AWARENESS DAY"** 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 fourteenth day of January 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.