



State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, invisible disabilities are disabilities that are not immediately apparent, which can lead to inadequate acknowledgement and consideration of a person's condition; and

WHEREAS, an invisible disability can include chronic pain, chronic fatigue, mental illness, chronic dizziness, and more; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 10 percent of people in the United States have a medical condition that could be considered a type of invisible disability; and

WHEREAS, nearly one in two people in the United States have a chronic medical condition that does not receive the recognition as a disability because their medical conditions do not physically impair their normal everyday activities; and

WHEREAS, without the obvious signs of disability, many people living with invisible disabilities are accused of faking and exaggerating their conditions, which translates to a lack of funding, accommodations, medical resources, and overall support; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina encourages continued support for programs and resources that bring awareness and aid to invisible disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13 - 19, 2019, as "INVISIBLE DISABILITIES WEEK" 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 ninth day of October 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.