



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MARFAN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Marfan syndrome is a genetic disorder that affects the body's connective tissue, the fibers that hold all the body's cells, organs, and tissue together; and

WHEREAS, this disorder can affect almost any part of the body, and most commonly results in cardiovascular, eye, and skeletal complications; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 1 in 5,000 individuals worldwide is born with Marfan syndrome, affecting people across the gender and racial spectrum; roughly 3 out of 4 individuals diagnosed with Marfan inherit the genetic mutation from a parent; and

WHEREAS, symptoms can range from mild to life-threatening, but in most cases, the disease tends to worsen with age; and

WHEREAS, all forms of Marfan syndrome are life-long, incurable, and potentially debilitating; due to the life-threatening nature of this disorder, timely diagnosis and treatment is essential; and

WHEREAS, Marfan syndrome is often misdiagnosed and may be an under-diagnosed condition; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina seeks to raise public awareness of Marfan syndrome in order to properly diagnose and treat individuals affected by this condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February, 2021, as "MARFAN SYNDROME 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 tenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.