

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, muscular dystrophy (MD) does not refer to a single disease or disorder that affects everyone the same way, instead it is an umbrella term covering more than 50 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

**WHEREAS**, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately one million individuals in the United States are affected by a type of muscular disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, muscular dystrophy effects people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and


**WHEREAS**, research has yielded new drugs to treat four types of muscular diseases such as Duchenne muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy, myasthenia gravis and Lou Gehrig's (ALS); and

**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness of muscular dystrophy will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for those affected by muscular and neuromuscular diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and help garner support for important issues in the muscular dystrophy community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 2019, as "MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY 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 first day of August 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-second.