

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SIDS, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month focuses on generating public understanding, compassion, and support for medical research into the causes and prevention of these conditions; and

WHEREAS, more than 26,000 babies are stillborn in the United States each year, and studies reveal approximately 20 percent of all clinically recognized pregnancies end in miscarriage; and

WHEREAS, the infant mortality rate in the United States was 5.8 deaths per 1,000 live births as of 2019; and

WHEREAS, SIDS remains the leading cause of death for infants one month to one year of age; and


WHEREAS, it is a great tragedy to lose a child; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness can encourage increased funding for medical research, benefit emotional support programs, and help to inform the public, particularly new and expectant parents and health care providers, of the risks and prevalence of these conditions; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages parents, caregivers, and researchers, as well as government, business, and community service organizations to advocate support for bereaved families and work to help eliminate SIDS, stillbirth, miscarriage, and other causes of sudden infant death in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2019, as “**NATIONAL SIDS, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS 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 first 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.