



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, half a million infants are admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) every year due to complications during pregnancy and birth; and

WHEREAS, complications can include birth anomalies resulting from prematurity, brain injury, cardiac conditions, infection, neonatal abstinence syndrome, and respiratory distress; and

WHEREAS, infants who have been admitted to the NICU are more likely to need specialized care after they go home and have a higher risk of rehospitalization; and

WHEREAS, families of infants admitted to the NICU often struggle to find resources, support, and education regarding their situation; and

WHEREAS, advances in neonatal medicine can ensure that more infants benefit from the specialized care offered by an NICU; funding for research into the causes of an NICU stay is vital; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages families of infants admitted to the NICU to share their story, so that they may raise awareness and have an opportunity to meet others affected by complications leading to a stay in the NICU;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2019, as “NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT 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 twenty-fourth day of September 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.