

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

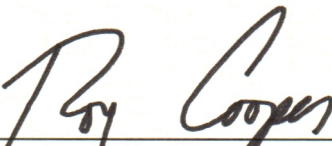
WHEREAS, advances in neonatal medicine can ensure that more babies benefit from the specialized care offered by an NICU; and

WHEREAS, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Awareness Day provides visibility for research that improves the quality of life for NICU babies and their parents; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins in raising awareness for families who have been affected by NICU experiences and commending the NICU doctors, nurses, and other health care providers who support babies and families in our communities through quality neonatal intensive care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2020, 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 sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.