



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tourette Syndrome (TS), often referred to as a tic disorder, is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by repetitive, involuntary physical and vocal tics; and

WHEREAS, TS is often accompanied by other conditions, such as Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), learning disabilities, and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, TS and tic disorders affect one in 100 children; more than 22,800 school age children in North Carolina are dealing with TS and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for increased awareness and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with TS, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood; and

WHEREAS, broadening public and professional knowledge of TS can lead to more acceptance and improve quality of life for children and families living with the disorder; and

WHEREAS, the Tourette Association Greater Carolinas Group provides services to families, educates medical professionals and teachers, and supports research to better understand the symptoms of and treatments for TS; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages continued awareness and research for Tourette Syndrome and commends the many medical professionals, families, and organizations for their significant work in helping people understand and treat this disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2021, as **"TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS 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-eighth day of May 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.