

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, vitiligo is an autoimmune skin disorder that causes loss of pigment from areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and

**WHEREAS**, vitiligo affects an estimated more than three million Americans and between .5 and 2 percent of the population worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms can appear at any age and affects people of both genders and all races and ethnicities; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals experiencing vitiligo may be at an increased risk of psychological and social distress, especially children and those with darker skin; and

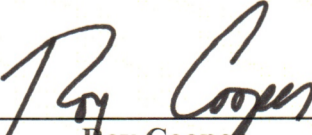
**WHEREAS**, approximately 15 to 25 percent of people with vitiligo are also affected by at least one other autoimmune disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, researchers and medical professionals are working to better understand and treat vitiligo; although there is no known cure, treatments are available that can help with repigmentation, especially if begun early and used consistently; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to increase awareness, understanding, and support for individuals with vitiligo in communities throughout our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2020, as “**VITILIGO 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 twenty-eighth day of May 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-fourth.