

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WILLIAMS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Williams syndrome is a rare genetic condition that is characterized by medical and cognitive issues, including cardiovascular disease, developmental delays, and mild to moderate intellectual disability; and

WHEREAS, Williams syndrome occurs when a person is missing more than 25 genes from a specific area of chromosome 7; most cases are not inherited, instead affecting people sporadically, regardless of family history; and

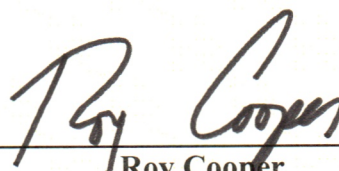
WHEREAS, this condition affects an estimated one in 10,000 individuals worldwide, occurring equally in men and women; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA), founded in 1982, is a non-profit organization and comprehensive resource for people and families living with Williams syndrome as well as for doctors, researchers, and educators; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the families and friends of those with Williams syndrome and commends their compassionate work to educate people across our state and nation about this rare disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2020, as **“WILLIAMS SYNDROME 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 seventh 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.