



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

XLH AWARENESS MONTH

AND

XLH AWARENESS DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a rare inherited genetic disorder that is characterized by excessive loss of phosphate, that can lead to serious and debilitating effects on patients' bones, teeth, joints, muscles, hearing, and nervous system; and

WHEREAS, XLH affects an estimated one in 20,000 newborns worldwide according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

WHEREAS, affected patients and their families often encounter a variety of problems outside the illness itself, such as difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, and being able to afford the appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, while XLH has no cure, dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope of finding a cure; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins X-Linked Hypophosphatemia patients, their families and advocacy organizations, such as the XLH network, in raising awareness of this disorder, promoting educational programs for new parents and healthcare providers, and embracing hope for a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2021, as "**XLH AWARENESS MONTH**" and June 23, 2021, as "**XLH 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 seventh day of June 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.