

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, aphasia is a communication impairment caused by injury to the brain, typically as a result of a stroke, but can also occur with other neurological disorders such as a brain tumor, traumatic brain injury, or progressive disease; and

WHEREAS, many people with aphasia also present with weakness or paralysis on the right side of the body due to damage to the left hemisphere of the brain; and

WHEREAS, the effects of aphasia may include a loss or reduction in the ability to access language needed to speak, comprehend, or read and write, while intelligence remains intact; and

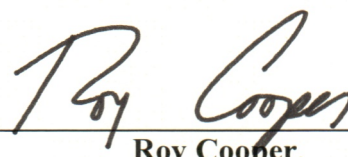
WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 795,000 people suffer a stroke in the United States each year, with approximately one-third of these resulting in aphasia or other serious, long-term disability; and

WHEREAS, stroke is the second leading cause of death in the world, the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and the third leading cause of death in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to increase awareness, advocate resources, and provide support for those and their families in our communities living with aphasia due to stroke or other neurological disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2024, as “**APHASIA 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 twenty-ninth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.