



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, President Ronald Raegan first designated National Hemophilia Awareness Month in March of 1986; in 2016, the United States Department of Health and Human Services expanded this observance by designating March as National Bleeding Disorders Month; and

WHEREAS, bleeding disorders are the inability to form a proper blood clot and are characterized by extended bleeding after injury, surgery, trauma or menstruation; blood disorders can lead to significant morbidity and can be fatal if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Hemophilia Foundation, as many as half of all people with hemophilia between the late 1970s and mid-1980s became infected with HIV and/or Hepatitis C due to contamination of blood supply and blood products, before the identification of AIDS brought about more stringent blood safety measures and tests; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in North Carolina will generate greater awareness and understanding of not only hemophilia but all inheritable bleeding disorders, including von Willebrand disease, which alone impacts an estimated one percent of the U.S. population or more than 3.2 million individuals; and

WHEREAS, Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month is an opportunity to foster a greater sense of community and shared purpose among individuals with all inheritable bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, during this month, bleeding disorder advocates wear red material around their neck (e.g., leis, scarves, ties); and

WHEREAS, this Awareness Month will elevate engagement in the inheritable bleeding disorders journey beyond our community to the increasing support for this community, and to promote further understanding for the research, prevention, and proper treatment for these diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as **"BLEEDING DISORDERS 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-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.