



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## **BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

### **A PROCLAMATION**

**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 from the late 1970s to the 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**, President Ronald Reagan 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 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 1 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**, raising awareness of bleeding disorders will elevate engagement and increase support for this community, as well as 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, 2023, 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-second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.