



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cri du chat syndrome, also known as 5p- syndrome, is a chromosomal condition characterized by delayed development, including low birth weight, weak muscle tone, microcephaly, a high-pitched cry in infancy, an intellectual disability, and potential medical complications; and

WHEREAS, the term "5p" is used by geneticists to describe a portion of chromosome number five that is missing in these individuals; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, approximately 50 to 60 children are born with 5p- syndrome (five p minus), also known as cat cry syndrome, or Cri du chat syndrome; and

WHEREAS, children born with Cri du chat will most likely require ongoing support from a team of parents, therapists, and medical and educational professionals to help them achieve their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly two dozen families in North Carolina and over 1,000 across the United States living with Cri du chat syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to promote awareness, advocacy, and resources to support individuals with Cri du chat and their families in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2024, as "**CRI DU CHAT SYNDROME 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 third 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.