



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic digestive motility illness that affects more than five million people across the United States; and

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a paralysis of the stomach which causes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, early satiety and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight changes and overwhelming fatigue; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure, and few effective treatment options or medications are available for digestive motility disorders; and

WHEREAS, the severity of gastroparesis and digestive motility disorders require many people to depend on liquid diets, feeding tubes, and/or IV lines for daily nutrition and hydration; and

WHEREAS, Gastroparesis Awareness Month is an opportunity to promote research, improve medications and support additional treatment options to provide hope for those affected by this illness and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina supports increased public awareness of the devastating effects of gastroparesis to improve the lives of those living with this condition and contribute to the overall quality of public health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2021, as the **"GASTROPARESIS 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 sixteenth day of July 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-sixth.