



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV) is the most common viral infection in the United States, afflicting one out of every 200 children born; and

WHEREAS, congenital CMV is the most common cause of birth defects and childhood disabilities, and is the leading non-genetic cause of hearing loss, with approximately one child becoming disabled each hour; and

WHEREAS, congenital CMV is preventable with simple behavioral interventions while pregnant, such as practicing frequent hand washing with soap and water after contact with diapers or oral secretions, not kissing young children on the mouth, and not sharing utensils and food with young children; and

WHEREAS, every pregnant woman is at risk of acquiring CMV and only 9 percent of women know about it; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of children born with congenital CMV can be greatly reduced with public education and awareness; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe CMV Awareness Month by raising awareness of congenital CMV and the measures that can help to prevent infection;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2023, as “**NATIONAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS (CMV) 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 thirty-first day of May 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.