



## GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

2024

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 6 couples has trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

WHEREAS, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic level; and

WHEREAS, cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in North Carolina to access the family building option they need; and

WHEREAS, all people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

**WHEREAS,** family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages residents to raise awareness of infertility, and the barriers faced by the family building community as a step toward removing these barriers;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 21 – 27, 2024, as **"NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



**IN WITNESS WHERECO**, 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 April 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.