

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

NATIONAL NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, newborn screening is one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th century, and the practice continues to make advancements in screening technology, follow-up care, and treatments; and

WHEREAS, newborn screening allows for early identification of babies with conditions that can affect long-term health so that treatment can begin to improve the quality of life and prevent death; and

WHEREAS, keeping babies healthy and promoting awareness of newborn screening are important responsibilities for North Carolina's Newborn Screening System; and

WHEREAS, education and increased awareness helps families understand the importance of newborn screening and how they can help to ensure their children grow up healthy; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends the Newborn Screening System for its significant contributions to the health and wellness of babies born in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2024, as "**NATIONAL NEWBORN SCREENING AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper Governor

IN WITN AS WHERE F, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of September 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-ninth.