



# ROY COOPER

# GOVERNOR

#### **NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

AND

## NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS DAY

## 2022

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation has designated the month of May as Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month, and May 17, 2022, as Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Day to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and

WHEREAS, although over 2 million people around the world are living with NF and 1 in every 3,000 births is diagnosed with NF, it is still is relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF is a term for three genetic disorders, NF1, NF2, and schwannomatosis; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow in the nervous system throughout the body and can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and

WHEREAS, NF can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Tumor Foundation and other concerned organizations and individuals promote medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2022, as "NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS MONTH" and May 17, 2022, as "NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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 seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.