



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA SIDS PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October is National SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month with the focus to generate public understanding, compassion, and support for medical research; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 25,000 families experience a stillbirth; and

WHEREAS, SIDS, or sudden infant death syndrome, remains the leading cause of death for infants one month to one year of age; and

WHEREAS, it is a great tragedy to lose a child; and

WHEREAS, raised awareness may encourage increased funding of medical research, emotional support programs, and supply current information to the general public, particularly new and expectant parents and health care providers; and

WHEREAS, raised awareness in North Carolina may also work to unite parents, caregivers, researchers with government, business and community service organizations in a nationwide movement to advance the support for bereaved families and hasten the elimination of SIDS, stillbirth, miscarriage and other causes of sudden infant death;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2021, as "NORTH CAROLINA SIDS PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizen





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 thirtieth day of September 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.