



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

TARLOV CYST DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tarlov Cyst Disease is classified as a rare disease that forms cerebrospinal fluid-filled sacs in the nerve roots near the base of the spine; these cysts can be present along any part of the spine and can also be symptomatic; and

WHEREAS, Tarlov cysts may be small and asymptomatic, but as they grow they can compress nerves resulting in chronic pain, numbness, altered sensation, and in severe cases, leg weakness, loss of bladder or bowel control, and neurological damage; and

WHEREAS, pain from Tarlov Cyst Disease often mimics other conditions, making this rare disease difficult to diagnose so that many patients presenting these symptoms are often dismissed and/or treated with inappropriate treatments; and

WHEREAS, some insurance companies may even deny patients necessary treatments, including surgery, under misinformed pretenses that they are experimental, unnecessary, or ineffective; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for research on the origins of this disease, non-invasive treatments, and the continued support of neurosurgical procedures, along with education and awareness, especially in the medical community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2023, as “**TARLOV CYST DISEASE AWARENESS DAY**” 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 sixteenth 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.