



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## TOURETTE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Tourette Syndrome (TS), often referred to as a tic disorder, is an inherited neurological disorder that is characterized by repetitive, involuntary physical and vocal tics; and

**WHEREAS**, TS is often accompanied by other conditions, such as Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), learning disabilities, and anxiety; and

**WHEREAS**, Tourette Syndrome and persistent tic disorders affect one in 50 children; more than 22,871 school age children in North Carolina are dealing with TS and although some of these cases are aided by medication, there is no standard treatment or known cure for the disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an important need for more professional help with interest and expertise to identify, counsel, and treat people with Tourette Syndrome, a disorder that is often misdiagnosed and misunderstood; and

**WHEREAS**, broadening public and professional knowledge of TS can lead to more acceptance and improve quality of life for children and families living with the disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tourette Association Greater Carolinas Group provides services to families, educates medical professionals and teachers, and supports research to better understand the symptoms of and treatments for TS; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages continued awareness and research for Tourette Syndrome and commends the many medical professionals, families, and organizations for their significant work in helping people understand and treat this disorder;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 4, 2023, as “**TOURETTE SYNDROME 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 first day of June 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.