



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH**

**AND**

**TRISOMY 9 AWARENESS DAY**

**2022**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Trisomy is a condition characterized by the presence of an additional chromosome to the normal diploid number, a genetic disorder that deeply affects individuals and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the most common autosomal abnormalities among newborns are Down syndrome (trisomy 21), Edwards syndrome (trisomy 18), and Patau syndrome (trisomy 13); and

**WHEREAS**, Trisomy 9 Mosaic syndrome is a rare chromosomal disorder in which the entire 9th chromosome appears three times in some cells, while others have the normal chromosomal pair; common features of trisomy 9 are physical and mental growth deficiencies, congenital heart defects and/or craniofacial abnormalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the life of every child is precious, regardless of his or her chromosomal makeup; and

**WHEREAS**, it is encouraged to take advantage of local support groups, medical professionals, and online communities that offer education, encouragement, and counseling for those managing trisomy pregnancies or raising trisomy-affected children; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina commends the members of our communities who are working to raise awareness and education for all forms of trisomy, support families experiencing trisomy, and enable people with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2022, as “**TRISOMY AWARENESS MONTH**” and March 9, 2022 as “**TRISOMY 9 AWARENESS DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 seventeenth day of February 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.