



State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM AWARENESS DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Amniotic Fluid Embolism Awareness Day brings needed attention to the devastating and often-fatal pregnancy complication and the importance of reducing maternal mortality resulting from amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among wealthy nations, the United States has the highest rate of maternal mortality; and amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality, affecting 2 to 8 mothers per 100,000 births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the maternal mortality rate in North Carolina is higher than the national average, as of 2022, 26.7 deaths per 100,000 live births; and

WHEREAS, an AFE is thought to be the result of an allergy-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process; and

WHEREAS, AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in North Carolina, provides meaningful education and life-saving skills to properly prepare health care providers to manage and treat patients, increase the number of lives saved, and gain submissions to the AFE Registry and Biorepository; and

WHEREAS, awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote understanding of this disorder, enable the expansion of the search for effective treatment, and increase the number of lives saved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 27, 2026, as “**AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM AWARENESS DAY**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





JOSH STEIN

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 second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.