

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 7 women have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and the World Health Organization and the American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

WHEREAS, infertility affects women and men equally in North Carolina and elsewhere and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic level; and the LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

WHEREAS, some people become infertile due to receiving medical treatment for another condition, most often chemotherapy or radiation for cancer; and

WHEREAS, family-building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

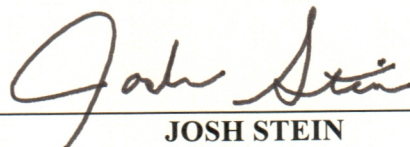
WHEREAS, cost and lack of insurance coverage create barriers for many in our state who want to start a family; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of infertility and of the barriers that people who want to start a family may face is the first step to removing these barriers; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina joins dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family-building community by raising awareness;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20 – 26, 2026, as “**NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 twenty-third 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.