



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

GOUT AWARENESS DAY

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 9 million Americans suffer with gout, the most common form of inflammatory arthritis, caused by uric acid build-up in the joints; and

WHEREAS, gout causes excruciating attacks and impacts a patient's workplace, community, and daily quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans are two to three times more likely to develop gout than White Americans, yet Black Americans are less likely to be prescribed urate-lowering medications or receive ongoing routine provider care; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans and Asian Pacific Islanders are also at an increased risk of gout; 39% of the Hmong population shows signs of gout prior to age 30; and

WHEREAS, gout is a chronic disease characterized by sudden and excruciating attacks; lack of awareness and misinformation may hinder treatment; and

WHEREAS, heightening public awareness can reduce the unfair stigma people with gout experience and empower patients to seek quality care and timely treatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2022, as "**GOUT 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 seventeenth day of May 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.