



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, vitiligo is an autoimmune skin disorder that causes loss of pigment from areas of the skin, resulting in irregular white spots or patches; and

WHEREAS, vitiligo affects an estimated more than three million Americans and between .5 and 1 percent of the population worldwide; it can appear at any age, and affects people of both genders and all races and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, while the condition is not typically associated with physical pain, the psychological and social effects can be significant for many affected individuals, especially children and those with darker skin; and

WHEREAS, approximately 15 to 25 percent of people with vitiligo are also affected by at least one other autoimmune disorder; and

WHEREAS, researchers and medical professionals are working to better understand and treat vitiligo; although there is no known cure, treatments are available that can help with repigmentation, especially if begun early and used consistently; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to increase awareness, understanding, and support for individuals with vitiligo in communities throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2018, as "**VITILIGO AWARENESS MONTH**" 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 twenty-ninth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.