



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY
GOVERNOR

AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION AWARENESS MONTH

2013

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an estimated 42 million Americans, or 1 in 10 families, have some type of communication disorder; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has over 1,000 speech language pathologists and audiologists working toward advocating and supporting North Carolinians with communication impairments; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens have the means to request, respond, refuse, and advocate for themselves fully as a communicative partner, regardless of ability; and

WHEREAS, augmentative and alternative communication includes all forms of communication, other than oral speech, and allows for individuals with complex communication needs to functionally express their wants and needs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a proud history in leading the country in innovative services and support for those individuals using augmentative communication, their families and their service providers; and

WHEREAS, The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication currently recognizes October as AAC Awareness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pat McCrory, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2013, as “**AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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 tenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.




PAT McCRORY
Governor