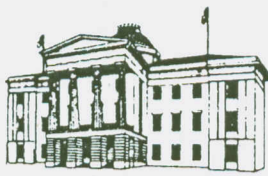


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## CELIAC DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, celiac disease, or gluten intolerance, is a genetic autoimmune disease that affects 1 in every 133 people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that there are approximately 3 million people with celiac disease in the United States; of those, approximately 120,000 have been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 22 first degree relatives of people with celiac disease may also be affected; and

WHEREAS, celiac disease may take an average of 11 years to be diagnosed after the initial onset of symptoms; and

WHEREAS, celiac disease affects equal percentages of men and women and may have severe and varied detrimental effects on the body; and

WHEREAS, people with celiac disease may have other autoimmune diseases, including Type 1 diabetes, thyroid disease, rheumatoid arthritis, and systemic lupus; and

WHEREAS, the only known treatment for celiac disease is strict adherence to a gluten-free diet; and

WHEREAS, children with celiac disease require access to their medically-prescribed diet while at school and during school-based activities; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Health Consensus Development Conference on Celiac Disease held in 2004 found that consultation with a skilled dietitian and identification and treatment of nutritional deficiencies were key elements in the management of celiac disease; and

WHEREAS, the consensus panel on celiac disease recommended the standardization of serologic tests and pathologic criteria for the diagnosis of celiac disease, the adoption of a standard definition of a gluten-free diet based on objective evidence such as that being developed by the American Dietetic Association, and the development of an adequate testing procedure to determine the amount of gluten in foods and of a definition of standards for gluten-free foods in the United States to lay the foundation for rational food labeling; and

WHEREAS, increased recognition and awareness of celiac disease will have a significant positive impact on the quality of life of people with celiac disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2010, "CELIAC DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina and commend its observance to our citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

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 seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fourth.