



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, on average, there are 418 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

WHEREAS, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, more than six people are electrocuted each week in the United States; and

WHEREAS, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters, and tamper resistant receptacles; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians are urged to install, test, and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school, and workplace through education, awareness, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina encourages all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries, and deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as "ELECTRICAL SAFETY 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 twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.