



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of children is a top priority of the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, it was reported that each year in the United States, emergency departments treat more than 200,000 children ages 14 and younger for playground-related injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 20 years, the National Program for Playground Safety has helped inform the nation about playground injuries and possible ways to reduce the number of injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children safe: proper supervision, age appropriate equipment, materials to soften falls to the surface, and equipment maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to set aside a week each year to increase awareness and education on how to keep our children safer on playgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, spring is often a time when children head to the playground, and a large percentage of playground injuries occur April through June; and

**WHEREAS**, child care centers, schools, parks, and other public facilities are preparing for summer season and playground participants; and

**WHEREAS**, all who care about children can make the commitment that no child in North Carolina will play on an unsafe playground;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 – 27, 2018, as “**PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 twelfth day of April 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.