

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL ADDICTION TREATMENT AWARENESS WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, with more than 20 million Americans living with a substance use disorder (SUD), the disease of addiction affects all communities nationwide and does not discriminate; and

WHEREAS, only 1 in 10 people with a substance use disorder receive any type of treatment; and

WHEREAS, by seeking help and receiving quality treatment, people with addiction can enjoy life in recovery; and

WHEREAS, the focus of National Addiction Treatment Awareness Week is to generate awareness that addiction is a disease, not a moral failing; promote treatment for the disease of addiction; and encourage all medical professionals to treat addiction and save lives; and

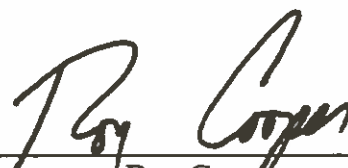
WHEREAS, the impact of mental illness and substance use disorders is apparent in North Carolina; in 2016, there were approximately 1,956 drug overdose deaths in our state, and the latest available data shows an average of 2,761 alcohol-related deaths per year; and

WHEREAS, addiction is a disease that can affect our family, friends, coworkers, partners, and community; creating awareness around the disease of addiction will decrease the shame and stigma associated with this disease and encourage those with addiction to seek quality treatment; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina promotes increased awareness that addiction is a disease, treatment is available, and recovery is possible; commends those in the medical community who are working to turn the tide on the addiction epidemic; and encourages people to support individuals with substance use disorders and their families in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2018, as “**NATIONAL ADDICTION TREATMENT AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 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.