



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, poor outdoor air quality is a threat to North Carolinians' health; and

WHEREAS, children and older adults are at higher risk of experiencing problems from ground-level ozone, a contributor to poor air quality, and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) actively monitors this measure of air quality; and

WHEREAS, air quality continues to improve in North Carolina, with all areas of the state now measuring compliance with federal health based standards, even the most stringent ozone standard; and

WHEREAS, since 2001 the amount of toxic air emissions in our state have decreased by 100 million pounds; and

WHEREAS, since 2005 the amount of greenhouse gas emissions in our state have decreased by 34 percent (or 56 million metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent), and further reductions are expected from voluntary actions and existing state policies; and

WHEREAS, improved visibility is important to our environment and economy in western North Carolina, and we have improved average visibility measures since the 1990s on our 20 percent haziest days, from approximately 9 miles to approximately 40 miles; and

WHEREAS, daily air quality forecast(s) for ozone is provided by DEQ online and through local media to help people make informed choices about their outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, DEQ and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are supporting education and outreach efforts to encourage all residents to access and understand the Air Quality Index as a tool to protect their health; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to continued efforts to protect our air and improve air quality for North Carolinians, and to help them understand why air quality is so important to the quality of life in our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 30 – May 4, 2018, as “**AIR QUALITY 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 twenty-sixth 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.