



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD AIDS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in North Carolina as of December 2016, there are approximately 36,700 persons living with HIV or AIDS, an estimated 2,600 of whom are unaware of their infection; and

WHEREAS, each year on World AIDS Day, the global community comes together to fight this devastating pandemic, remember family and friends we have lost, stand with the estimated 36 million people living with HIV/AIDS, and renew our commitment to preventing the spread of this virus; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 North Carolina HIV/STD Surveillance Report, of the 1,399 adults and adolescents over 13 years of age diagnosed with HIV in North Carolina in 2016, 62 percent were virally suppressed; North Carolina is ranked 11th in the United States in the number of newly diagnosed HIV cases; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for the HIV infection; however, effective treatment with antiretroviral drugs can control the virus so that transmission does not occur and people with HIV can enjoy healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins all local health departments, HIV/AIDS community based organizations, local hospitals, HIV infectious disease doctors, and other community and faith based allies in supporting efforts to improve education, prevention, research, and community service to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2017, as "WORLD AIDS DAY" 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-ninth day of November 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.