



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HIV CURE RESEARCH DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 North Carolina HIV/STD Surveillance Report, North Carolina is ranked 11th in the United States in the number of newly diagnosed HIV cases; and

WHEREAS, African American and Latino North Carolinians are affected by the HIV epidemic at disproportionately high rates, yet are underrepresented in HIV clinical trials aimed at innovating prevention, treatment, and cure methods that could benefit them; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill is a global leader in HIV cure clinical trial research, and is dedicated to providing access to promising clinical protocols to persons living with and without HIV; and

WHEREAS, 2BeatHIV is a research project based in the university's Institute for Global Health and Infectious Disease and Department of Social Medicine that uses crowdsourcing contests to improve community engagement for HIV cure research; and

WHEREAS, the 2BeatHIV project aims to raise awareness about HIV cure research happening in North Carolina and around the world, and help community members increase buy-in for HIV cure research, engage in critical discussion about social and ethical concerns, and mobilize to coordinate prevention and treatment efforts toward the future of HIV cure research; and

WHEREAS, the 2BeatHIV project, in collaboration with HIV cure researchers at the University of North Carolina, has engaged people online and in-person at project sites in the United States, South Africa, and China; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to observe this day in recognition of the positive impact of community engagement for HIV cure research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 14, 2017, as "**HIV CURE RESEARCH 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.