



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of citizens with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing opportunities for full inclusion; and

WHEREAS, this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate addressing the needs of people with disabilities, prohibiting discrimination in the areas of education, employment, public services, public accommodations, and telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 1.3 million people in North Carolina over the age of five who live with a form of disability; and

WHEREAS, many state agencies, businesses, and organizations both public and private throughout North Carolina work with individuals and communities to ensure that people with disabilities receive the services they need to fulfill the promises of hope, independence, economic self-sufficiency, and freedom set forth in the ADA; and

WHEREAS, with resources provided by a grant from the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management partnered to expand opportunities for people with disabilities through Whole Community Emergency Preparedness; this initiative encouraged individuals with disabilities to join local community emergency response teams, and to complete personal emergency preparedness plans; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends these and all efforts to affirm the principles of equality and inclusion embodied in the ADA, and celebrates the progress that has been made over the past three decades; and

WHEREAS, on the 27th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, all North Carolinians are encouraged to reaffirm these principles, promote disability education and awareness, and recommit to reach and achieve the full spirit of the ADA in all communities throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2017, as "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT 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-fourth day of July 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.