



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, and wheat; symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress, and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, food allergies result in more than 200,000 Emergency Department visits each year; reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which he or she is allergic; and

WHEREAS, the number of food allergy reactions requiring emergency treatment has increased significantly over the past decade, with a 377 percent rise in medical procedures associated with anaphylaxis caused by food; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergies, and scientists do not understand all the causes; however, research suggests they develop from a mix of genetic and environmental influences, and the recommended prevention is a strict avoidance of the offending food; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing hope through the promise of new treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 13 – 19, 2018, as “**FOOD ALLERGY 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 eleventh day of May 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.