



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergy 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, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, food allergy results in more than 200,000 ambulatory care visits each year; these reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction because there is no cure for food allergy, although scientists do not understand why this is the case; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins Food Allergy Research and Education (FARE) and other interested agencies and organizations in raising awareness about food allergy and anaphylaxis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 14 – 20, 2017, 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 first day of May 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.