



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HOME FIRE SPRINKLER AWARENESS DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fire fatalities are on the rise in North Carolina and have doubled since this time last year; and

WHEREAS, sixty-nine North Carolinians have lost their lives to fire, and many more have suffered life-changing burn injuries since January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the effects of home fires are far-reaching and longstanding; a home fire can become deadly in less than two minutes due to today's construction material and common synthetic furnishings that produce toxic smoke; and

WHEREAS, home should be the place where our residents feel safe; in reality, home is where they have the greatest risk of injury or death from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires put our firefighters at risk of exposure that can lead to health issues; and

WHEREAS, combined with working smoke alarms and proper fire escape planning, fire sprinklers in all new homes can reverse the effects of home fires; and

WHEREAS, by taking part in a national day of action, the State of North Carolina recognizes that protecting new homes with fire sprinklers will make the future safer for residents, first responders, and entire communities for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2018, as "**HOME FIRE SPRINKLER AWARENESS 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 fifteenth 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.