



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrical-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, an estimated 420 people die each year in home structure fires that involve some type of electrical failure or malfunction as a factor contributing to ignition; and

**WHEREAS**, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from incurring electrical-related injuries each year; and

**WHEREAS**, people are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards, and to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters, and tamper resistant receptacles; and

**WHEREAS**, every family or individual should install, test, and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) is dedicated to promoting electrical safety in the home, school, and workplace through education, awareness, and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people in our communities to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrical-related fires, injuries, and deaths;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as “**ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-sixth day of April 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.