



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina values the wisdom, experience, and contributions of older Americans who enrich and strengthen our communities, in part through their passion for improving opportunities for future generations; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina continues to be listed as one the best states for retired people to live, and is estimated to have more residents above the age of 60 than under the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, the Administration on Aging has designated the 2018 theme for Older Americans Month as *Engage at Every Age*, emphasizing that people are never too old (or too young) to take part in activities that can enrich their physical, mental, and emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina, through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, promotes the awareness of issues surrounding aging and advocates programs for aging members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Aging and Adult Services is committed to monitoring and assessing aging services programs funding through the Older Americans Act and State Allocations, and providing training on the various needs of an evolving aging community; and

WHEREAS, older adults in North Carolina are an increasingly diverse population that is involved in every aspect of society, including the workforce, educational system, and political structures; and

WHEREAS, all people can participate in enriching the lives of individuals at every age by: promoting home- and community based services that support independent living; involving older adults in community planning, events, and other activities; and providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers; to protecting and safeguarding the rights of older and aging individuals in our state; and to preventing discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as "**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**" 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-seventh 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.