

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**KIDNEY DISEASE AND DIALYSIS AWARENESS WEEK**

**2017**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, there are over 600,000 Americans diagnosed with irreversible kidney failure, or end-stage renal disease (ESRD), who require dialysis or a kidney transplant to survive; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 26 million Americans (one in nine) are currently affected by or at risk for developing kidney disease, with hypertension and diabetes as the main causes; and

**WHEREAS**, outside kidney transplantation, which is limited due to the shortage of donors, hemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis are the only treatments for ESRD; more than half of ESRD patients receive dialysis at least three times per week to filter wastes and water from their blood artificially; and


**WHEREAS**, patients in need of dialysis must consider many factors concerning their treatment, including the convenience and quality of care from their chosen dialysis center; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the many experienced medical professionals in our more than 100 dialysis centers across the state, who work tirelessly to enhance the quality of life of patients living with ESRD; and

**WHEREAS**, increased awareness of the prevalence of kidney disease and dialysis treatment in North Carolina will help garner support, understanding, and advancements in research to aid patients and families affected by chronic kidney disease and ESRD and;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 21 – 27, 2017, as “**KIDNEY DISEASE AND DIALYSIS AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 eighteenth 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.