



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's is a devastating disease that affects more than 5.4 million people and their families in the United States; this number is projected to nearly triple, rising to 14 million by the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia; symptoms begin with memory loss, leading to an inability to respond in conversation or to the environment; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease involves parts of the brain that control thought, memory, and language; the deterioration of these functions can impair judgment and reasoning, affect behavior and emotions, and impede the ability to complete daily activities or sustain personal care; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death for American adults and the fifth leading cause for those aged 65 and older; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Carolina can support members of our communities affected by Alzheimer's disease – and their families, friends, and loved ones – by advocating for educational programs, improving support services, and promoting research to find a cause and cure; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commemorates those who have passed and honors those living with Alzheimer's disease and their dedicated caregivers at the Annual Candlelight Reflections during the month of November and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "**ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AWARENESS 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-fifth day of October 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.