

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HOME CARE, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND HOSPICE MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, home care, palliative care, and hospice services provide for an individual's health and social needs across the continuum of life – serving expectant mothers, infants, children, adults, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly; and providing love, comfort, and support at the end of life; and

WHEREAS, these high-quality care services are delivered by an interdisciplinary team of skilled professionals and trained volunteers, including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, spiritual care providers, and more; and

WHEREAS, each year, hospice saves Medicare more than \$2 billion while providing solutions for physicians, care to patients, and comfort to families; research indicates that timely access to hospice and palliative care can decrease hospitalizations and Emergency Room visits, and increase quality of life for patients and family caregivers; and

WHEREAS, according to the Association for Home & Hospice Care of North Carolina, home care and hospice agencies provided services to more than 500,000 North Carolinians in their homes last year; and

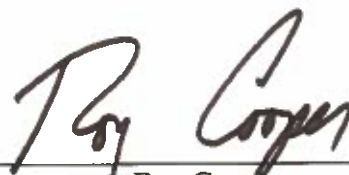
WHEREAS, home care, palliative care, and hospice enable North Carolina citizens to receive quality health and social services in their own home, surrounded by family and friends; these services support families by easing the caregiver burden and helping to avoid the costs of institutional care; and

WHEREAS, home care, palliative care, and hospice build upon a strong tradition of compassion, and strive to keep families together while preserving an individual's independence and dignity in the comfort of his or her home; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to learn more about options of care, and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and health care professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "**HOME CARE, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND HOSPICE 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.