



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RADIATION SAFETY MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1895, Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen discovered electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range now commonly known as X-rays, an achievement that earned him the first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901; X-ray radiation became a powerful tool used in health care and many other industries; and

WHEREAS, throughout North Carolina, radiation protection professionals work to bring the benefits of radiation to the people of our state while minimizing the hazards of radiation exposure; and

WHEREAS, radiation protection professionals can be found in medical, dental, academic, and research fields; in law enforcement and emergency management; and in government and industry positions throughout our communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina supports the Food and Drug Administration initiative to reduce unnecessary exposure to radiation in medical imaging; patient-appropriate adult and pediatric techniques and procedures can lower the radiation dose necessary to produce diagnostic quality images; and

WHEREAS, radiation protection professionals continue to educate and inform facilities, medical physicians, dentists, and operators on radiation protection; the Image Wisely and Image Gently programs, which include the Pediatric CT Think A-Head awareness campaign, address radiation protection for children during diagnostic, interventional, and fluoroscopic imaging, and dental X-rays; and

WHEREAS, individuals demonstrate safety culture by identifying and resolving safety concerns, and through effective communication;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as “**RADIATION SAFETY 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.