



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people, and occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology; and

WHEREAS, various researchers conclude that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents annually; almost 30 percent of youths in the United States are estimated to be involved in bullying each year, either as an aggressor or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire lifelong physical, emotional, and learning problems; and

WHEREAS, students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages students, parents, schools, recreation programs, religious institutions, and community organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2017, as **"BULLYING PREVENTION 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 twentieth day of September 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.