



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

LET'S TALK MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, communities across North Carolina benefit from collective efforts to reduce teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and to promote healthy relationships, access to health care, and supportive environments including for LGBTQ+ youth; and

WHEREAS, research consistently indicates that parent-to-child conversations about sexual health have a lifelong positive impact on health, relationships, and communities; and

WHEREAS, surveys show that teens themselves say parents are their most powerful influence on decisions about sexual health, and 9 out of 10 teens say that avoiding sexual activity and teen pregnancy would be easier if they could talk openly and honestly with their parents about sex; and

WHEREAS, teens excel in environments where parents work in tandem with schools, community agencies, faith groups, youth-serving organizations, medical providers, and community leaders to provide information, access to care, and supportive environments; guardians and adults providing for youth in out-of-home care can also offer a powerful influence; and

WHEREAS, Let's Talk Month recognizes the importance of open and honest communications about sexual health in encouraging lifelong health; and

WHEREAS, Let's Talk Month was started in North Carolina in 1986 and has since become a nationwide awareness event to encourage ongoing parent engagement in teen health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2017, as "LET'S TALK 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-first 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.