



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PACE MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, PACE (Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) addresses the needs of elderly and disabled adults age 55 or older, a population which is growing rapidly and significantly impacts health care costs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, PACE is a fully integrated model that provides comprehensive, highly coordinated services allowing older adults who meet state eligibility criteria for nursing home level of care to continue living in the community; and

WHEREAS, individuals enrolled in PACE receive all Medicare and Medicaid covered items and services, as well as additional supports which promote well-being and greater independence; and

WHEREAS, PACE programs assume full financial risk for all medical care and related services—including transportation, hospitalization, and long-term care—in return for capitated payments from Medicare and Medicaid, thereby controlling costs for the state while providing improved health outcomes and greater satisfaction for participants; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging and Dual Eligibles Advisory Committee recognize the value of PACE and recommend that PACE become more widely available; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's first PACE program opened in 2008; today, approximately 2,000 participants are served by 11 PACE programs in 12 sites across the state: Elderhaus, Wilmington; Piedmont Health SeniorCare, Burlington and Pittsboro; LIFE St. Joseph of the Pines, Fayetteville; PACE of the Triad, Greensboro; PACE@Home, Newton; Carolina SeniorCare, Lexington; PACE of the Southern Piedmont, Charlotte; Senior CommUnity Care of NC, Durham; Senior Total Life Care, Gastonia; Staywell Senior Care, Asheboro; and CarePartners PACE, Asheville; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina PACE Association formed in 2011 to support the development, expansion, success, and quality of PACE programs throughout the state, and is now celebrating six years of advancing and transforming healthcare for the elderly in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2017, as "PACE 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 sixth 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.