



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA BLOOD DONATION DAY**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

**WHEREAS**, a sufficient blood supply is a public safety issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood, for a total of approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells needed every day; and

**WHEREAS**, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38% of the United States' population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10% actually do; and

**WHEREAS**, blood donation is a simple four-step process: registration, medical history and mini-physical (checking the donor's temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin), donation, and refreshments; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, local hospitals, and many others; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Blood Donation Day effectively serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina urges all citizens to donate blood if you are eligible, and support our local blood drives; we can all do our part to help protect and save lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2017, as "NORTH CAROLINA BLOOD DONATION DAY" 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-eighth day of August 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.