



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

**2017**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, while children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, they are also our most vulnerable assets; and

**WHEREAS**, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community; and

**WHEREAS**, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development, and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children help to ensure that all children grow to their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina calls upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, and business to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening the communities in which we live;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2017, as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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-fourth day of April 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.