

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD AUTISM MONTH AND WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders are a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal communication; and,

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders affect at least one in sixty-eight children and an unknown number of adults in the United States of all genders, races, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

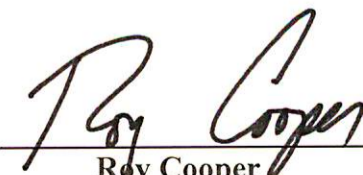
WHEREAS early, accurate diagnosis and appropriate education, intervention, and therapy are vital to the well-being of those with autism spectrum disorders; and,

WHEREAS, persons with an autism spectrum disorder should have access to the care, services, and opportunities they need to be happy and to achieve their greatest potential; and,

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day in order to raise public awareness of the need for more research, better understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder, and acknowledgment of the efforts that have been and are being made to support individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2017, as “**WORLD AUTISM MONTH**” and April 2, 2017, as “**WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS 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 thirty-first day of March 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.