



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK**

**2017**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the safety and well-being of children is a priority of this state; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 200,000 children are injured on playgrounds in the United States each year, equaling an average of one playground-related emergency room visit every two-and-one-half minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Program for Playground Safety has been created at the University of Northern Iowa to help inform the nation about playground injuries and possible ways to reduce the number of injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Program for Playground Safety has identified key areas that could help substantially reduce the number of playground injuries and keep our children SAFE by providing: proper supervision, age appropriate equipment, materials to soften falls to the surface, and equipment maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to set aside a week each year to raise awareness on how to keep our children safer on playgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, spring is often a time that children head to the playground and a large percentage of playground injuries occur from April through June; and

**WHEREAS**, schools, parks and other public facilities are preparing for summer season and playground participants; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 24-28, 2017, as “**PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK**” 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 thirteenth 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.