



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

TICK AND MOSQUITO AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, diseases transmitted by ticks and mosquitoes affect people across the United States and are significant health threats in North Carolina, where they affect hundreds of citizens each year; and

WHEREAS, based on past data collection on ticks and mosquitoes combined with public health surveillance conducted by the Division of Public Health, it is documented that ticks and mosquitoes are abundant in North Carolina and 979 cases of tick and mosquito-borne diseases were reported among people in North Carolina last year; and

WHEREAS, the tick-borne disease Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis, and Lyme disease, and the mosquito-borne diseases La Crosse encephalitis, West Nile encephalitis, and eastern equine encephalitis are endemic preventable conditions in people in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is actively monitoring travel-associated cases of exotic mosquito-borne infections such as Zika, Chikungunya, Malaria and Dengue; and

WHEREAS, diseases borne by ticks and mosquitos can cause severe illness and death in children, adults and pregnant women who would otherwise be healthy; and

WHEREAS, prevention is the most efficient, environmentally safe and cost-effective method to reduce the impact of disease; and

WHEREAS, ticks and mosquitoes are a natural part of our environment and cannot be eradicated, but can be controlled through the application of scientifically informed pest control strategies and personal protective measures during seasons of high tick and mosquito activity; and

WHEREAS, these diseases can be difficult to diagnose, often resembling other infectious and noninfectious diseases; this proclamation creates the opportunity for North Carolina residents and health care providers to learn more about the threat, medical implications and prevention of these diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2017, as “**TICK AND MOSQUITO AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 first day of February 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.