

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

**2018**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, more than 700,000 North Carolinians are living with a substance use disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of substance use disorders impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, communities, and the overall vibrancy of cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, addiction to alcohol and/or drugs, as well as other substance use disorders, are preventable and treatable conditions; treatment works, and recovery is possible; and

**WHEREAS**, recovery is a process that transforms individuals and the communities in which they live by creating hope, health, and a sense of purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, friends and families must learn to recognize the signs of substance use and guide individuals to every possible tool that reduces harm and supports prevention, treatment, and recovery; and


**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, along with private and public partners across the state, must work together to make the services and supports necessary for recovery available to all North Carolinians; and

**WHEREAS**, we must overcome the stigma that holds people back from effectively treating substance use disorders and help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe National Recovery Month by increasing awareness and understanding of substance use disorders, and promoting the benefits of treatment and recovery in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as “**NATIONAL RECOVERY 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 thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.