



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA BLOOD DONATION DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross estimates that someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds, for a total of approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells needed every day; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38 percent of the United States' population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent actually do; and

WHEREAS, blood donation is a simple four-step process: registration, medical history and mini-physical (checking the donor's temperature, blood pressure, pulse, and hemoglobin), donation, and refreshments; the donation itself only takes about 8 – 10 minutes on average; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to a number of committed public service and private organizations working to raise awareness about the importance of blood donation, including the American Red Cross, Community Blood Centers of the Carolinas, local hospitals, and many others; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Blood Donation Day serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and community awareness; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina urges people to donate blood if you are eligible, and support our local blood drives; we can all do our part to help protect and save lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2018, as "**NORTH CAROLINA BLOOD DONATION 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 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.