

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GUM DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Gum Disease Awareness Month is an annual health-promotion event that encourages people to make lifelong improvements to their health and quality of life by using simple tools and habit changes to help prevent gum disease; and

**WHEREAS**, research indicates gum disease is a possible precursor to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and some cancers, and can increase the risk of preterm, low birth weight infants; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2012 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests that approximately half of American adults suffer from gum disease, while some studies estimate the number could be above 80 percent, with many people unaware they have the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, building awareness can improve community health and prevent serious health consequences; and

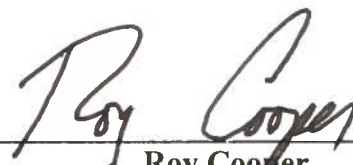
**WHEREAS**, reliable oral health information, including how to prevent and treat gum disease, is vital to protecting and promoting oral health and, therefore, the overall health of the people in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to educate people about the advanced treatment options that can help to address the symptoms of moderate to severe gum disease and the dangerous consequences of leaving it untreated; and

**WHEREAS**, Gum Disease Awareness Month supports community health by disseminating information, tips, and tools that empower people to improve and safeguard their health as well as the health of their families;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February, 2019, as “**GUM DISEASE AWARENESS 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 twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.