



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the birth or welcoming of a new child into a family is often an occasion of joy; and

WHEREAS, the health of women and their families is of high priority to the State of North Carolina; the period spanning pregnancy through parenting is a universal time of vulnerability with serious concerns, including rising maternal mortality and racial inequities in maternal outcomes across the nation; and

WHEREAS, women and their families from all walks of life have unique health needs, and expecting mothers face challenges of varying degrees; for those on the margins of wellness and illness and of security and insecurity, without adequate health care and social support, childbirth can come at great cost; and

WHEREAS, women deserve more than to survive childbirth; they and their families deserve to thrive, and North Carolina is committed to ensuring that all receive high quality health care and essential social support; and

WHEREAS, maternal health is essential for women and families of all backgrounds; collectively supporting maternal health can help to ensure better and more equitable outcomes for all; and

WHEREAS, as we look forward to celebrating Mother's Day, the State of North Carolina encourages all residents to join in recognizing, supporting, and showing gratitude to mothers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5 – 12, 2019, as **"MATERNAL HEALTH 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 sixth day of May 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.