

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the mission of the Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation is to prevent drowning throughout this great state, and even one drowning in North Carolina is one too many; and

WHEREAS, drowning claimed the lives of 112 North Carolina residents in 2017, including 25 NC children; and

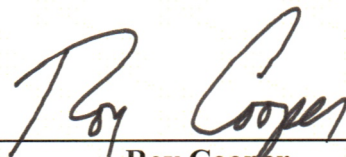
WHEREAS most drownings are preventable in a Water Smart community, and only through Water Safety and Drowning Prevention education and a healthy respect for the potential danger that any body of water may present can we truly enjoy the beauty and recreation opportunities offered by these bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, the Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation urges North Carolinians and visitors in NC to actively supervise children who are in and around the water, to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities, to swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone, to learn CPR, and to wear a Personal Flotation Device or lifejacket at all times when boating; and

WHEREAS, the Jack Helbig Memorial Foundation has declared June 2019 National Drowning Prevention Month to focus on the problem of drowning and the many lives that could be saved this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2019, as “**NORTH CAROLINA DROWNING PREVENTION MONTH**” 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 twelfth day of June 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.