



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GLOBAL PEER SUPPORT CELEBRATION DAY**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Peer Supporters designates the third Thursday in October annually as Global Peer Support Celebration Day, recognizing the important role peer supporters play in helping those with mental health, addiction, and/or trauma-related challenges progress toward recovery and community inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, peer supporters are trained to use their lived experiences to encourage, engage, and support others with mental health, addiction, and/or trauma-related challenges, and use the recovery model, principals, and values of peer support to provide hope and be role models of recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the belief that recovery is possible for all who experience mental health, addiction, and/or trauma-related challenges is fundamental to the practice of peer support; peer supporters work to empower and assist their peers to live as they choose, improving the likelihood of long-term recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, peer support is a cost-effective means to address mental health, addiction, and/or trauma-related challenges; can help to reduce inpatient hospital stays and recidivism rates; and can increase a peer's ability to access community-based services; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of Global Peer Support Celebration Day are to increase public awareness of local peer supporters and the services they provide, and to commend peer supporters for their important contributions to recovery in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2018, as "**GLOBAL PEER SUPPORT CELEBRATION 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 seventeenth day of October 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.