



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence, which can include physical, mental, sexual, emotional, and financial abuse, is a means of intimidation and violence to influence and control a partner involved in an intimate relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, 3 in 10 women and 1 in 10 men in our country have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner and reported at least one impact related to these or other violent behavior in their relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, local domestic violence programs in North Carolina in FY 2017-18 responded to approximately 112,500 calls on their domestic violence crisis lines and served 52,187 victims and their children in person, according to the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2017 census, 106 domestic violence victims could not be helped in a 24-hour period in North Carolina because local domestic violence programs, despite enormous effort, lacked sufficient resources; and

**WHEREAS**, girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence with 43 percent of dating college women experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, who experience domestic violence at comparable or higher rates than people in heterosexual relationships, also need resources and protection; and

**WHEREAS**, immigrants who experience domestic violence face additional barriers to seeking services due to immigration status, fear of reporting, language access, and availability of support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the significant impact domestic violence has on North Carolina individuals, families, children, schools, and workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, by working together, we can raise awareness and break the cycle of violence in order to build communities that are safe for everyone;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as “**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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-sixth day of September 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.