



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there is no safe level of lead in children; and

WHEREAS, lead poisoning, while preventable, continues to be a problem that causes major developmental delays and permanent, lifelong learning disabilities in children; and

WHEREAS, a major source of lead exposure is the dust or chips from deteriorating lead-based paint, or from renovations to housing or Child Occupied Facilities built before 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the State of North Carolina enacted the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting, requiring that, prior to performing renovation, repair, and painting activities for compensation, companies and individuals must become certified by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted into state law the implementation of interventions for children younger than 6 years old whose blood lead levels are at or above 5 µg/dL; and

WHEREAS, with the cooperation of agencies within the State of North Carolina, including Children's Environmental Health, the State Laboratory of Public Health, and the State Medicaid Services in the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the NC Lead and Healthy Homes Outreach Task Force, we are continuing to strive to meet these goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as "**LEAD POISONING 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 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.