



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL SIDS, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, National SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month focuses on generating public understanding, compassion, and support for medical research into the causes and prevention of these conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, for women who know they are pregnant, approximately 10 to 15 in 100 pregnancies end in miscarriage; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, more than 24,000 babies are stillborn in the United States, and about the same number of babies die during the first year of life; in 2016, there were approximately 1,500 deaths due to SIDS in the United States, and 1,200 deaths due to unknown causes; and

**WHEREAS**, SIDS remains the leading cause of death for infants one month to one year of age; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a great tragedy to lose a child; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness can encourage increased funding for medical research, benefit emotional support programs, and help to inform the public, particularly new and expectant parents and health care providers, of the risks and prevalence of these conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages parents, caregivers, and researchers, as well as government, business, and community service organizations to advocate support for bereaved families and work to help eliminate SIDS, stillbirth, miscarriage, and other causes of sudden infant death in our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as “**NATIONAL SIDS, PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS 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.