



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest health professions dedicated to the health and well-being of all people; and

WHEREAS, today, there are more than 300,000 licensed pharmacists in the United States providing services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention regarding the way they are used by different patient population groups – both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, and/or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists are specifically educated with a focus on and level of expertise in medication therapy that exceeds that of other health care providers, making them ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists help to fully optimize patients' access to medications and provide patient care services that ensure the best possible medication therapy management; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmacists Association has developed the *Know Your Pharmacist – Know Your Medicine* campaign to celebrate the many ways pharmacists help their patients with medication usage every day; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes pharmacists for their many contributions to health care in our state and nation, and commends their ongoing service to our communities;

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