



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina values the wisdom, experience, and contributions of older Americans who enrich and strengthen our communities through their diverse life experiences; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks 9th nationally both in total population and in number of residents aged 65 and older, and continues to be listed as one of the best states for retired people to live; and

WHEREAS, older adults are an increasingly diverse population that is involved in every aspect of society, including the workforce, educational system, and political structures; more and more older adults are making a positive impact in North Carolina each year; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging raises awareness of issues surrounding aging and advocates programs for aging members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services works to promote the independence and enhance the dignity of older adults and their families through a community-based system of opportunities, services, benefits, and protections; and

WHEREAS, the United States Administration on Aging's 2019 theme for Older Americans Month, *Connect, Create, Contribute*, recognizes the importance of connecting with and supporting older adults and their families and caregivers, and acknowledging their many valuable contributions to society; and

WHEREAS, individuals can help to enrich the lives of all people by promoting services that support independent living; involving older adults in community planning and events; providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor; and engaging in cross-generational activities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes older adults and the people who serve them as essential members of our community, and recommits to protecting the rights of older individuals to safeguard them from discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2019, as "**OLDER AMERICANS 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 thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.