

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**STD AWARENESS MONTH**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) are increasing nationally and in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, STDs impact the lives of tens of thousands of North Carolinians each year; in 2017, there were a combined 88,741 cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, infectious syphilis, and HIV infection diagnoses in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, some demographic communities are disproportionately burdened by the STD epidemic, including young people and people of color; and

**WHEREAS**, unborn infants who are exposed to these infections in the womb are at risk for life-long disability and even death; and


**WHEREAS**, it is the right of every North Carolinian to have access to comprehensive and culturally competent sexual health care; there are numerous proven STD prevention tools including comprehensive risk reduction education, condoms, and vaccines to prevent Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Human Papilloma Virus (HPV); and

**WHEREAS**, routine screening and rapid treatment of individuals diagnosed with an STD and their partners help to safeguard the health of all North Carolina residents, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, scientific advances in HIV prevention and care have made it possible to foresee a future where there are no more HIV transmissions in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2019, as “**STD 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-fifth day of March 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.