

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina joins the world in recognizing World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, promoting this year's theme, *Lifting Up Voices*, for those in our state who often suffer in silence and shame; and

WHEREAS, protecting North Carolina's older adults is a community responsibility, and all North Carolinians are charged under state law to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation to their local County Department of Social Services; and

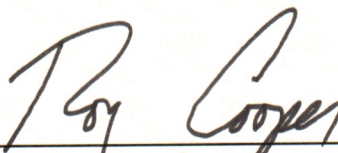
WHEREAS, North Carolina's older adults of all social, economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds may be targets of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, which can occur in families, long-term care settings, and communities; and

WHEREAS, in state Fiscal Year 2017-18, there were more than 30,000 reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of older and vulnerable adults made to North Carolina's 100 County Departments of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, research shows that abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older and vulnerable adults is grossly underreported;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2019, as "**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**" 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 fifth day of June 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.