

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### ACES AWARENESS WEEK

2019

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### **A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future success, prosperity, and quality of life, and their experiences and relationships are vital to forming a strong foundation for their healthy development; and

WHEREAS, families need safe, stable, nurturing communities and positive connections with caring adults to foster their children's healthy development; and

WHEREAS, adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are defined as potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood, such as experiencing violence, abuse, or neglect, which have a tremendous impact on future violence victimization and perpetration as well as lifelong health and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, building resilience to buffer against potential ACEs is a community responsibility that affects the current and future quality of life in the community; and

WHEREAS, investing in programs, strategies, and policies that support parents can help to ensure that children have positive childhood experiences; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders, businesses, and individuals to be a connection in efforts to support families, thereby ensuring positive childhood experiences and strengthening our communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 17 – 24, 2019, as "ACES AWARENESS WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper

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 thirteenth day of November 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-fourth.