



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina seeks to protect and improve the well-being of all North Carolinians by preventing disease, promoting good health, and assuring access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the discovery and subsequent use of antibiotics revolutionized medical care and public health by significantly reducing illness and death from infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, antibiotics, when used appropriately, remain an invaluable resource for protecting public health; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance has become one of the key threats to health in the United States, jeopardizing health care providers' ability to fight infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, at least 2 million people become infected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria resulting in at least 23,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, appropriate use of antibiotics is the primary solution to address the threat of antibiotic resistance; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is working to increase awareness regarding the appropriate use of antibiotics; and

WHEREAS, education about antibiotics and the dangers of antibiotic resistance can help to change attitudes and behaviors of health care providers and the public by encouraging appropriate antibiotic prescription and use; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services administers a statewide initiative, Stewardship of Antibiotic Resources (STAR) Partners, to encourage the development of antibiotic stewardship programs in hospitals throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 18 – 24, 2019, as “**ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK**” 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 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.