

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BLOOD DONATION DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, sufficient blood and plasma supplies are a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need readily available supplies for our residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and although an estimated 38 percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, less than 10 percent actually do; and

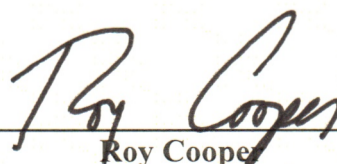
WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to many private and public organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood and plasma donation, including the American Red Cross, Community Blood Centers of the Carolinas, local hospitals, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Blood Donation Day serves to remind us that we need to constantly replenish our blood and plasma supplies through donation and community awareness; and

WHEREAS, blood and plasma donations are critical to sustaining public health, and the State of North Carolina encourages all people who are eligible to donate to local blood drives to help save lives and protect our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2020, as **"BLOOD DONATION 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 twenty-fifth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.