

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

**2019**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Public Health Nurses serve in many critical roles as members of the public health workforce and use their knowledge of nursing, social and public health sciences to promote and protect the health of North Carolinians; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Health Nurses aid in primary prevention and work to address social, physical, environmental and other determinants of health through patient care, advocacy, outreach, policy development, program planning and research; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Public Health Nursing, established by the State Board of Health as the Bureau of Public Health Nursing and Infant Hygiene in 1919 as an integrated response for addressing the high rates of infant and maternal mortality, was the first state-supported public health nursing body in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Public Health Nursing established the Principles and Practices of Public Health Nursing Course, as mandated by 10A NCAC 46 .0300, and is considered a national leader in continuing education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Public Health Nursing provides oversight for 67 Public Health Nurse Consultants within the Division of Public Health in programs such as Communicable Disease, Immunization, Women's and Children's Health, Cancer Prevention and Control, School Health and Occupational Health; and

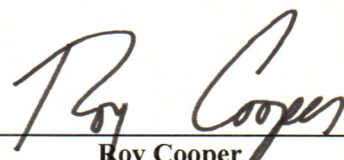
**WHEREAS**, the Office of Public Health Nursing is the guiding authority of Public Health Nursing practice for 2,658 local Public Health Nurses, offering consultation and technical assistance that help local public health agencies provide core services; the Office also helped to develop and implement the Enhanced Role Registered Nurse Training Program to improve access to quality care through local public health departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Public Health Nursing coordinates statewide nursing actions in planning, response and recovery efforts to natural and manmade disasters, including guidance for Public Health Nurses deployed to disaster areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina Public Health Association join the Office of Public Health Nursing in celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the people of our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2019, as **"CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING"** 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-eighth day of August 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-third.