



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Dementia is an overall term for diseases and conditions, characterized by a decline in memory, language, problem-solving and other cognitive abilities, that impair daily life and independent function; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's Disease which is the most common form of Dementia, and is the sixth leading cause of death among North Carolinians; and

**WHEREAS**, Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD) affects nearly 40 percent of the United States population aged 85 and older; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 170,000 people in North Carolina are affected by all forms of dementia, and this number is expected to increase roughly 19 percent by the year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no known form of prevention, treatment or cure for many forms of dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages continued advocacy for a cure and support for individuals with dementia and their loved ones;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2019, as "DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH" 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 thirty-first day of October 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.