



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, domestic violence, which can include physical, mental, sexual, emotional, and financial abuse, is a means of intimidation and violence to influence and control a partner involved in an intimate relationship; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 women and nearly 1 in 10 men in the United States have experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner and reported at least one impact related to these or other violent behavior in their relationship; and

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence accounts for 15 % of all violent crime, and in 2018 the North Carolina Department of Public Safety reported 103 domestic violence related homicides in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious public health problem that results in billions of dollars spent annually in medical, mental health, and lost work productivity costs; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1 in 5 college students say they have been abused by an intimate partner and nearly a third of college students admit to having committed assault against their partner at some time in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals, who experience domestic violence at comparable or higher rates than people in heterosexual relationships, also need resources and protection; and

WHEREAS, immigrants who experience domestic violence face additional barriers to seeking services due to immigration status, fear of reporting, language access, and availability of support services; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the significant impact domestic violence has on North Carolina individuals, families, children, schools, and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can raise awareness and break the cycle of violence in order to build communities that are safe for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2019, as “**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 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 third 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.