



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH**

**2019**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20 percent of North Carolinians provide regular care to a family member or friend with special needs, and the number of adults aged 85 and older is projected to double over the next two decades, increasing the likelihood that more caregivers will be needed; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the more than 90 million Americans who serve as family caregivers for their loved ones share in the decision-making that affects the medical care outcomes, health, and overall well-being of their loved ones; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's caregivers are diverse in their characteristics and circumstances, but share the common goal of enabling their family member or friend to remain active in the community; all caregivers benefit from the assurance that the business, faith, medical, and human service communities can assist with information and services when needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services, Area Agencies on Aging, local providers, and many other organizations are committed to increasing awareness and meeting the needs of caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, helping North Carolina's family caregivers access and utilize support and respite services as a temporary, restorative break can protect a family caregiver's health, strengthen family relationships, and enable a care recipient to remain home; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to acknowledge and support family, friends, and neighbors who help those who are aging or have disabilities; support of family caregivers is not only the right thing to do, but an essential investment in a better future for North Carolina's older adults and individuals with disabilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2019, as "FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH" 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 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.