



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HAND HYGIENE DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina seeks to protect the health of our families and individuals by preventing disease, promoting good health, and ensuring access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, every year, health care-associated infections are among the leading causes of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on any given day in the United States, approximately 1 in 31 hospitalized patients has at least one health care-associated infection; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden attributed to health care-associated infection represents an estimated \$28 to \$45 billion in health care costs to United States hospitals each year, and \$124 million to \$348 million in North Carolina alone; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than two million people are infected with antibiotic-resistant organisms every year; and

WHEREAS, now, more than ever, it is important to follow proper hand hygiene guidelines; thoroughly washing your hands not only safeguards your own health, but also that of health care providers, patients, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and partners in public and private sectors, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are working to enhance public and health care provider awareness and engagement regarding appropriate hand hygiene practices through sponsorship of World Hand Hygiene Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2020, as "**HAND HYGIENE 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 thirtieth day of April 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-fourth.