

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**HEALTHCARE HEROES DAY**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, as of June 12, 2020, more than 41,000 North Carolinians have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and nearly 1,100 have died as a result of this pandemic that has swept our state and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, during these difficult times, health care workers have stepped up to meet the growing medical needs of our state, and have sacrificed much to aid in the fight against this virus; and

**WHEREAS**, working around the clock, our health care workers have spent long hours separated from their families and loved ones, which takes a mental and physical toll on their well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, our families, communities, and individuals depend on all health care providers including doctors, nurses, and other primary care providers; EMS workers and first responders; pharmacists; laboratory technicians; mental health professionals; and other critical medical personnel and staff who provide quality care, often in our most vulnerable moments in life; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the nature of the virus that causes COVID-19, nursing homes and other congregate care settings have been hit particularly hard by the pandemic; the dedicated individuals who serve in our nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and veterans homes have faced significant challenges in the line of duty; and

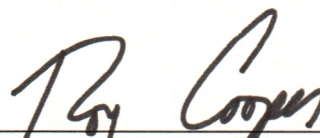
**WHEREAS**, in order to recognize the heroic sacrifices made by our frontline health care workers, a special flag honoring Healthcare Heroes will be raised at the North Carolina State Capitol, and will fly until July 15; and

**WHEREAS**, now more than ever, health care professionals deserve our deepest gratitude for their tireless commitment to public health and the protection of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina urges residents, organizations, and public officials across our state to join in celebrating these brave health care heroes and the vital work they do every day to fight and end the COVID-19 pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2020, as "**HEALTHCARE HEROES DAY**" 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 twelfth day of June 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.