

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

HIV TESTING DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, as of December 2018, there are more than 35,450 people living with HIV in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that only 83 percent of the 1.1 million people who have HIV in the United States are aware of their HIV status; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina ranks 12<sup>th</sup> among all states and dependent areas for the rate of newly diagnosed HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the North Carolina HIV Surveillance Report, of the 1,218 people age 13 and older diagnosed with HIV in 2018, 62 percent are virally suppressed thanks to treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, a total of 188,717 HIV tests were performed through state-sponsored programs in North Carolina; and

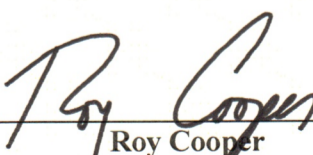
**WHEREAS**, changes to the North Carolina HIV control measures took effect January 1, 2018, to help reduce the stigmatization of testing and treatment services and support the goal of ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure for the HIV infection; however, people with an undetectable HIV viral load for at least six months cannot transmit the HIV virus and, when taken as directed, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) can dramatically reduce the risk of acquiring HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, each year on National HIV Testing Day, the State of North Carolina, local health departments and hospitals, infectious disease doctors, community organizations, and faith-based allies come together to raise awareness of HIV testing and early diagnosis, and link people to care and treatment services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2020, as “HIV TESTING 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 twenty-third 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.