



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**LEAD POISONING PREVENTION MONTH**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, lead poisoning, although preventable, continues to be a problem that causes major developmental delays and permanent, lifelong learning disabilities in our children; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no safe level of lead in children; and

**WHEREAS**, a major source of lead exposure is the dust or chips from deteriorating lead-based paint, or from renovations to housing or Child Occupied Facilities built before 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the State of North Carolina enacted the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Management Program for Renovation, Repair and Painting, requiring that, prior to performing renovation, repair, and painting activities for compensation, companies and individuals must become certified by the NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Health Hazards Control Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the North Carolina General Assembly amended a state law to implement interventions for children younger than 6 years old and pregnant women whose blood lead levels are at or above 5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{dL}$ ; and

**WHEREAS**, with the cooperation of agencies within the State of North Carolina, including Children's Environmental Health, the State Laboratory of Public Health, and the State Medicaid Services in the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as the NC Lead and Healthy Homes Outreach Task Force, we are continuing to strive to meet these goals;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2019, as "**LEAD POISONING PREVENTION 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.