



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK**

**2020**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, quality, affordable, and accessible patient-centered health care, provided by skilled practitioners, contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all people in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, physician assistants (PAs) are often the first point of contact for many patients; they play a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empowering them to become effective advocates for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, PAs are academically prepared, including clinical experience, to provide health care services such as diagnosis and treatment of disease, surgical assistance, and medication prescription with the direction of a supervising physician; and

**WHEREAS**, PAs are a valuable asset to the medical community and work side-by-side with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the dedication of PAs and the contributions they make as part of a health care team to ensure the delivery of efficient and effective health care services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2020, as “**NATIONAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK**” 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 September 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-fifth.