



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 611,600 North Carolinians age 12 and older are living with a substance use disorder; and

WHEREAS, the effects of substance use disorders impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, communities, and the overall vibrancy of cities and towns throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, addiction and substance use disorders are preventable and treatable conditions; treatment works, and people recover; and

WHEREAS, recovery is a process that transforms individuals and the communities in which they live by creating hope, health, and a sense of purpose; and

WHEREAS, education is important to help friends and families recognize the signs of substance use and encourage and guide individuals to the full spectrum of community-based harm reduction, prevention, treatment, and recovery services; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, along with private and public partners across the state, must work together to make the services and supports necessary for recovery available to all North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, we must overcome the stigma that holds people back from seeking effective treatment for substance use disorders and help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe National Recovery Month by increasing awareness and understanding of substance use disorders, and by promoting the benefits of treatment and recovery in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2020, as “**NATIONAL RECOVERY 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 twenty-fifth day of August 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.