

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA RESILIENCY WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina has suffered from multiple natural disasters in recent years, most recently Hurricane Dorian, the third significant hurricane to impact the state following Hurricane Matthew and Hurricane Florence; and

WHEREAS, working to make North Carolina more resilient, including rebuilding smarter and stronger from previous storms and floods, can help our state and its people to weather future disasters and recover more rapidly; and

WHEREAS, storms are becoming stronger and more intense, creating an enormous toll on human life and our economy; insurance companies estimate that natural disasters have cost our country more than \$1 trillion since 1908; and

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters; the concept of resilience builds on this to improve the ability to adapt and recover from emergencies; these concepts are most effective as part of comprehensive, long-term hazard mitigation plans; and

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the National Institute of Building Sciences and commissioned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation provides \$6 in benefits; and

WHEREAS, programs and resources exist to help states and local communities implement hazard mitigation plans and become more resilient to disasters; examples include the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, administered by FEMA, and the federal Disaster Recovery Reform Act; and

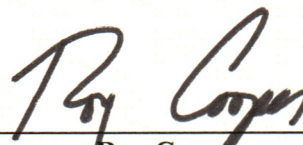
WHEREAS, hazard mitigation and resilience strategies can include a combination of traditional infrastructure and natural strategies; these strategies such as protecting and restoring floodplains, marshes, and wetlands can absorb floodwaters and help make communities less vulnerable to intense rains and storms; and

WHEREAS, effective pre-disaster mitigation protects lives and property and can also reduce the risks to first responders who bravely and selflessly serve in times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina communities continue to rebuild and recover from past disasters and prepare for future disasters; the State of North Carolina encourages all residents to build resiliently and develop long-range strategies to protect people and property from future disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as "**NORTH CAROLINA RESILIENCY 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 seventh 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-third.