

State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA RESILIENCY WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina recently has suffered from multiple natural disasters, including hurricanes Matthew, Florence, Dorian, and Isaias in the past four years; our communities continue to rebuild and recover from past disasters and prepare for future disasters; and

WHEREAS, increasing North Carolina's resilience, including by rebuilding smarter and stronger from storms and floods, helps our state and its people weather future disasters and recover more rapidly; 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 hazard mitigation to include the ability of society to adapt and prosper amid emergencies and climate change; these concepts are most effective as part of long-term resiliency planning, including comprehensive hazard mitigation plans; and

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

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

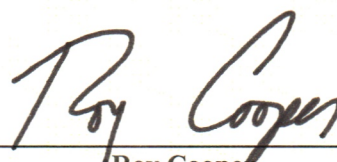
WHEREAS, programs and resources exist to help states and local communities implement hazard mitigation plans and become more resilient to disasters; examples include the North Carolina Resilient Communities Program led by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Coastal Management; the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's (DPS) North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR); and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs led by NCORR and DPS's Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 North Carolina Climate Risk Assessment and Resilience Plan is the state's most comprehensive effort to date to address North Carolina's vulnerability to climate change, providing a framework to guide state action, engage policy-makers and stakeholders, facilitate collaboration across the state, and focus attention on climate resilience actions; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all residents to protect their homes, learn about disaster and climate change risks, and strengthen connections with neighbors, businesses, nonprofits, and local government that support long-term resiliency to future disasters;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2020, 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 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.