



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

**2021**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina values the wisdom, experience, and contributions of older Americans who enrich and strengthen our communities, in part through their passion for improving opportunities for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina continues to be listed as one the best states for retired people to live, and is estimated to have more residents above the age of 60 than under the age of 17; we rank ninth in the nation for number of residents aged 65 and over; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration on Aging has designated the 2021 theme for Older Americans Month as *Communities of Strength*, recognizing older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina, through the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, promotes the awareness of issues surrounding aging and advocates programs for aging members of our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Aging and Adult Services is committed to monitoring and assessing aging services programs funding through the Older Americans Act and State Allocations, and providing training on the various needs of an evolving aging community; and

**WHEREAS**, older adults in North Carolina are an increasingly diverse population that is involved in every aspect of society, including the workforce, educational system, and political structures; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina benefits when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are included and encouraged to share their successes and stories of resilience; and

**WHEREAS**, all people can participate in enriching the lives of individuals at every age by promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living; involving older adults in community planning, events, and other activities; and providing opportunities for older adults to work, volunteer, learn, lead, and mentor; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to engaging and supporting older adults, their families, and caregivers; to protecting and safeguarding the rights of older and aging individuals in our state; and to preventing discrimination, abuse, neglect, and exploitation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2021, as "OLDER AMERICANS 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-third day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.