

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, chronic pain is a public health crisis affecting an estimated 50 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, defined as pain lasting longer than three to six months, chronic pain can occur in nearly any part of the body and include a wide range of sensations; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain can affect the quality of life and productivity of many individuals by resulting in fatigue, insomnia, anxiety, depression, and more; and


WHEREAS, in 2010, the cost of treatment and lost productivity due to chronic pain was estimated at nearly \$635 billion; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina chronic pain treatment centers, caregivers, and organizations including the United States Pain Foundation prioritize educating, empowering, and supporting individuals battling chronic pain; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all citizens to be aware of the chronic pain crisis to empower those living with chronic pain and seek effective pain care;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2019, as “**PAIN AWARENESS 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 nineteenth day of September 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-fourth.