

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, respiratory care practitioners are specialized healthcare providers that work therapeutically with patients suffering from conditions affecting their respiration or ability to breathe; and

**WHEREAS**, their expertise can help relieve distressing symptoms, restore normal lung capacity, and/or help patients conserve and make the best use of their remaining lung function; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a particularly harsh impact on individuals with respiratory diseases and disorders, including those suffering from chronic obstructive lung disease, chronic bronchitis, asthma, emphysema, cardiovascular disease, and metabolic conditions; and

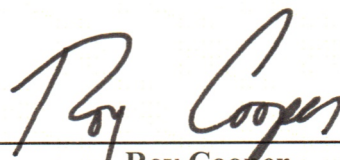
**WHEREAS**, many of these disorders are presently incurable and many of the individuals affected by COVID-19 are hospitalized, requiring the specialized care of respiratory care practitioners utilizing mechanical ventilation, oxygen, and aerosolized medication to treat these afflictions; and

**WHEREAS**, respiratory care practitioners have been serving on the front lines of this crisis and have worked tirelessly for their patients, treating and caring for people of all ages and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud to honor the vital work that respiratory care practitioners perform every single day, and their unrelenting sacrifice to ensure that all of our residents stay healthy and safe during these difficult times;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2020, as “**RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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.