



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safety and security of people along state-maintained roadways in North Carolina are of critical importance; and

WHEREAS, travel is an essential part of connectivity, logistics and economic vitality for millions of North Carolina residents and travelers; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles, North Carolina has approximately 7,800,000 licensed motorists and over 9,700,000 registered vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, there were: 11,322 alcohol-related crashes that resulted in 410 fatalities and 874 people being seriously injured; 21,337 speeding-related crashes that resulted in 312 fatalities and 831 people being seriously injured; 2,403 pedestrian-related crashes that resulted in 228 fatalities and 280 people being seriously injured; 54,036 distracted driving-related crashes that resulted in 121 fatalities and 584 serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Insurance, traffic fatalities and serious injuries resulted in more than \$4 billion in insurance claims in 2018; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the people of North Carolina are aware of the role they play in traffic safety through good judgment, knowledge and implementation of traffic laws; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program tirelessly promotes highway safety awareness through grants and safe driving initiatives such as Click It or Ticket, BikeSafe NC, Speed a Little. Lose a Lot., Watch For Me NC and North Carolina's Vision Zero initiative;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 5 - 9, 2019, as "**TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARENESS 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 first day of August 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.