



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD AIDS DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year on World AIDS Day, the global community, including North Carolina, comes together to fight this devastating pandemic, remember family and friends we have lost, stand with an estimated 37 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide and renew our commitment to preventing the spread of this virus; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to end the HIV epidemic by suppressing the virus so that transmission does not occur and promoting PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), along with other proven prevention strategies that significantly reduce the risk of acquiring HIV; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, as of December 2018, an estimated 40,000 persons are living with HIV/AIDS; of those individuals, approximately 5,000 are unaware of their infection; and

WHEREAS, although 1,218 people were newly diagnosed with HIV in 2018, the majority of people living with HIV receive treatment that supports a healthy long life and prevents HIV transmission, and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins people living with HIV, all local health departments, HIV/AIDS community based organizations, local hospitals, medical providers, community and faith based allies in supporting efforts to challenge stigma, improve education, prevention, access to care, treatment and supportive services, and in the development of our plan to end the HIV epidemic in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2019, as **“WORLD AIDS DAY”** 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-sixth day of November 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.