



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVID AYRES

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Carolina Hurricanes are an important contributor to the North Carolina economy, a strong charitable partner, and a source of pride in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Carolina Hurricanes are currently in a battle for a spot in the National Hockey League Playoffs, which will bring greater economic prosperity and further our state's reputation of excellence in sports; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, February 22, 2020 the Carolina Hurricanes had both of their goalies injured in a game against the Toronto Maple Leafs and had to call on the emergency backup; and

WHEREAS, 42-year-old Zamboni driver and kidney transplant survivor David Ayres of Canada took the ice for the Carolina Hurricanes in his home country and stopped eight of 10 shots to earn the win for the North Carolina team; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's motto is *Esse Quam Videri*, which means to be rather than to seem; and

WHEREAS, David Ayres and the Carolina Hurricanes embodied that motto with their resiliency on their way to a critical win in the playoff hunt; and

WHEREAS, David Ayres became the oldest goaltender in NHL history to win his regular-season debut; and

WHEREAS, David Ayres gave North Carolina hockey fans a memory that we will never forget; and

WHEREAS, David Ayres proved to be the personification of "That's hockey baby!";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina do hereby designate David Ayres as an "HONORARY NORTH CAROLINIAN" and commend his recognition 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-fifth day of February 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-fourth.