



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 14-277.3A. defines stalking as a “crime that causes a long-lasting impact on the victim's quality of life and creates risks to the security and safety of the victim and others, even in the absence of express threats of physical harm;” and

WHEREAS, according to the National Center for Victims of Crime, each year, an estimated 7.5 million people were victims of stalking in the United States; 61 percent of female victims and 44 percent of male victims were stalked by a current or former intimate partner; and an estimated 15 percent of women and 6 percent of men have been a victim of stalking during their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS, stalking victims often miss time from work, change jobs, experience psychological distress, are forced to relocate, change their identities, and obtain protective orders; and

WHEREAS, stalkers often use technology, including cellphones, global positioning systems (GPS), cameras, and spyware to monitor and track their victims; and

WHEREAS, public awareness about stalking is critical to address the lethal effects of stalking and to protect victims; and

WHEREAS, local communities, criminal justice systems and public policies can work to address stalking by staying current on new tactics used by stalkers, improving services for victims and enhancing community responses; and

WHEREAS, January is National Stalking Awareness Month and the State of North Carolina joins our nation in working to address this epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, January 2017, “STALKING AWARENESS MONTH” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.