



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a statewide and national public health problem, and suicide prevention is a statewide and national responsibility; everyone in North Carolina has a role to play to save a life; and

WHEREAS, during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in North Carolina and throughout the United States, National Suicide Prevention Week is observed September 9 – 15, and World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10 is internationally recognized by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the 2nd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 10 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 12.3 minutes, resulting in more than 44,000 suicides each year; of these, an estimated more than 90 percent lived with an untreated behavioral health condition and 1 in 6 overdoses were intentional; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, approximately 1,406 people die by suicide each year, including an average of five veterans per week, and even more consider or attempt suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the only leading cause of death in the United States that has increased every year for the past decade; it is estimated that there are more than 1.1 million suicide attempts each year; and

WHEREAS, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; National Alliance on Mental Illness; North Carolina Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families; Governor's Working Group on Veterans; and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255) envision a world without suicide, and hope for those touched by suicide; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to recognize that: deaths by suicide are preventable; there is no single cause for suicide, and no single suicide prevention program is effective for all communities; and coping with stress, safety planning, and reducing access to lethal means must be a part of routine health and behavioral health care for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as "**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**" 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 seventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.