

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy reports more than 12,600 active pharmacists residing in our state who are among over 300,000 pharmacists licensed in the United States providing services to assure the safe use of all medications; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of medication, as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures, is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

**WHEREAS**, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups, both clinically and demographically; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications and their caregivers be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

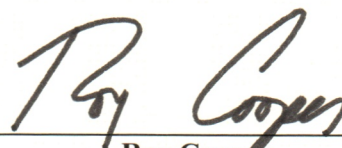
**WHEREAS**, pharmacists, due to their specific education, are ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and their patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and

**WHEREAS**, pharmacists provide both expertise and accessibility which are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications, and provide patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the specialized work that pharmacists carry out every day in order to ensure our residents are healthy and well-informed;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2023, as "AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**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 second day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.