

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BLOOD DONATION MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1969, January has been recognized as Blood Donation Month to bring awareness to the importance of routine blood donation; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of those living and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, a steady blood supply is essential to maintain hospitals' need to provide blood products for patients; North Carolina is home to The Blood Connection, whose mission is to provide local healthcare partners with adequate, safe, and cost effective blood supplies and services; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of maintaining that safe and adequate blood supply also falls on each member of the community that is eligible to donate blood; and

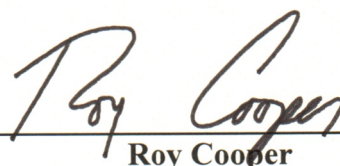
WHEREAS, one blood donation has the potential to save up to three lives; every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one in every seven patients will need a blood transfusion in a hospital, and an estimated 38 percent of the United States population is eligible to donate blood, but less than 10 percent do; and

WHEREAS, Blood Donation Month serves as an important reminder to maintain a sufficient blood supply through volunteer donors; when communities share blood, healing happens, individuals thrive, and families remain whole;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2023, as "**BLOOD DONATION 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 ninth day of January 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-seventh.