

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### NATIONAL PA WEEK

2021

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, quality, affordable and accessible patient-centered health care, provided by skilled practitioners, contributes to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants (PAs) are often the first point of contact for many patients, playing a vital role in helping patients understand their medical needs and empower them to become effective advocates for themselves; and

WHEREAS, PAs are academically and clinically prepared to provide health care services, including diagnosis and treatment of disease, assist in surgery and prescribe medications in collaboration with physicians and other health care providers; and

WHEREAS, PAs are a valuable asset to the medical community and work side-by-side with physicians to enhance the delivery of high-quality health care for patients, often in medically underserved and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the dedication of PAs and the contributions they make as part of a health care team to ensure delivery of more efficient and effective health care services;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2021, as "**NATIONAL PA WEEK**" 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 fifth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.