

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**

**2022**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, suicide is a public health crisis impacting people of all ages across all socioeconomic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds, with 1,446 people ages 10 and older dying by suicide in North Carolina in 2020, making it the thirteenth leading cause of death in our state and the second leading cause of death for those ages 10-45; and

**WHEREAS**, suicide has a substantial impact on North Carolina; for every death by suicide in North Carolina in 2020, there were 2.1 hospitalizations and 7.5 emergency department visits for self-inflicted injury, comprising 3,065 hospitalizations and 10,923 emergency department visits; and

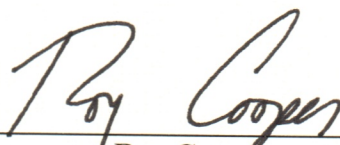
**WHEREAS**, suicide is the 12<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death among children and teens ages 10-19, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 20 to 34; and

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of the warning signs and support networks, including the three-digit 988 number for the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline available through call/text to everyone, is essential to continue lowering the rates of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages people to recognize that there is no single cause of suicide and no single suicide prevention program or effort that will be appropriate for all populations and communities; initiatives based on the goals detailed in the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and the North Carolina State Suicide Prevention Action Plan aim to prevent suicide by increasing access to evidence-informed services that address suicide, mental health, and substance use disorder;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 4-10, 2022, as “**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK**” 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 September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.