

# State of North Carolina

# **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

## NORTH CAROLINA MEDASSIST DISPENSING HOPE WEEK

2022

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

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, NC MedAssist is the only statewide charitable pharmacy in North Carolina providing prescription and over-the-counter medications to our neighbors in need at no cost; and

**WHEREAS,** NC MedAssist began in 1997, as MedAssist of Mecklenburg, with the mission to serve low-income, uninsured, senior adults in Mecklenburg County with prescription medication coverage; and

**WHEREAS,** through the efforts of the Mecklenburg Medical Society Alliance, and with the assistance of a \$55,000 grant from the employees of Presbyterian Hospital, NC MedAssist was able to fulfill their mission; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Attorney General Roy Cooper launched the free central-fill pharmacy program, allowing MedAssist to expand the Free Prescription Pharmacy Program to the entire state of North Carolina and change their name to NC MedAssist; and

WHEREAS, this statewide program is the answer for those that have low income, have no prescription insurance, and are without the means to obtain life-saving medications to treat chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, and asthma; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2021, NC MedAssist served 69,095 of our neighbors in need through our various programs, dispensing over \$65 million in prescription and over-the-counter medications; and

WHEREAS, NC MedAssist continues its mission to dispense opportunities through improved health to all residents of North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 15 – 19, 2022, as "**NORTH CAROLINA MEDASSIST DISPENSING HOPE WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper

**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 twelfth day of August 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.