



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**PACE MONTH**

**2021**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, PACE (Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) is an innovative program that provides high-quality care in the community to older people with chronic needs; and

**WHEREAS**, PACE is a fully integrated model that provides social supports, medical care, and comprehensive, highly coordinated service while allowing the person to remain at home avoiding hospital admission or nursing home placement, which allow older adults who qualify for nursing home level of care to continue living in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals enrolled in PACE receive all Medicare and Medicaid covered items and services, as well as additional supports which promote well-being and greater independence; and

**WHEREAS**, PACE programs assume full financial risk for all medical care and related services - including transportation, hospitalization, and long-term care - in return for capitated payments from Medicare and Medicaid, thereby controlling costs for the state while providing improved health outcomes and greater satisfaction for participants; and

**WHEREAS**, during the pandemic, PACE programs have demonstrated resiliency and have one-third of the COVID deaths as compared to nursing home residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging, Committee on the Integration of Medical and Social Programs, recommends expanding the number of PACE programs and the capacity of existing PACE programs which serves more than 2,000 participants through 11 PACE programs in 12 sites across the state: Elderhaus in Wilmington, Piedmont Health SeniorCare in Burlington and Pittsboro, LIFE St. Joseph of the Pines in Fayetteville, PACE of the Triad in Greensboro, PACE@Home in Newton, Carolina SeniorCare in Lexington, PACE of the Southern Piedmont in Charlotte, Senior Comm Unity Care of NC in Durham, Senior Total Life Care in Gastonia, Staywell Senior Care in Asheboro, and CarePartners PACE in Asheville; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina PACE Association was formed in 2011 to support the development, expansion, success, and quality of PACE programs throughout the state so that every person who is eligible for PACE will have access to this service;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2021, as "PACE 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 September 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.