

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Crisis has impacted all North Carolinians in some manner; citizens with chronic obstructive lung disease or disorders such as chronic bronchitis, asthma, emphysema, and many other serious lung diseases of known and unknown causes, as well as cardiovascular disease and metabolic conditions, have comprised a large portion of those hospitalized and deaths; and

WHEREAS, many of these disorders are presently incurable, those afflicted with COVID-19 are hospitalized and often require mechanical ventilation, oxygen, and aerosolized medication to treat their condition, which is designed to save the lives of our citizens with incapacitating or life-threatening lung diseases; and

WHEREAS, in the treatment and rehabilitation of patients with incapacitating or life-threatening lung diseases, Respiratory Care Practitioners play a critical role daily each year; and


WHEREAS, experts in mechanical ventilation and aerosolized medicine have been continuously needed during this pandemic, Respiratory Care Practitioners are those healthcare providers who have been on the frontlines serving our state during this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Respiratory Care Practitioners serving on the front lines have been staring in the face of the COVID-19 crisis; working tirelessly for their patients as they treat and care for persons young and old, from the premature infant, the child with cystic fibrosis or asthma, to an elderly patient with advanced emphysema and cardiovascular diseases, and those with metabolic conditions; and

WHEREAS, Respiratory Care Practitioners apply his or her skills and knowledge to relieve distressing symptoms, restore normal lung capacity, or help the patient conserve and make the best use of his remaining lung function, the skills Respiratory Care Practitioners possess can lead to a complete recovery, prolong life, or make the patient's existence more comfortable;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2021, as "RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS 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 thirtieth 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.