



# ROY COOPER

# GOVERNOR

## SLOW DOWN MOVE OVER DAY

#### 2022

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, firefighters, public service utility workers, emergency medical personnel, highway crews, and tow operators conduct valuable and often life-saving operations at the roadside; and

WHEREAS, these personnel are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse weather conditions, and in dangerous roadside environments; and

**WHEREAS**, workspace is often limited within the highway right of way, placing workers dangerously close to passing vehicles; and

WHEREAS, across the country, emergency workers, incident responders, and highway workers are put at risk, often resulting in injury or death; and

WHEREAS, the towing industry is fifteen times deadlier than all other private industries combined, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, while all fifty states have Slow Down, Move Over laws, fewer than 30 percent of Americans know these laws, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the public to be educated on the dangers of failing to abide by these laws; the third Saturday in October is recognized as national Slow Down, Move Over Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2022, as **"SLOW DOWN MOVE OVER DAY"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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**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 eleventh day of October 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-seventh.