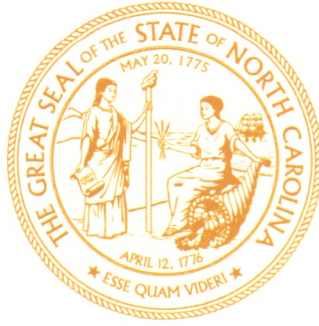




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest of the health professions concerned with the health and well-being of all people, and

WHEREAS, today, more than 300,000 pharmacists are licensed in the United States to provide services to assure the rational and safe use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, the use of medication as a cost-effective alternative to more expensive medical procedures is becoming a major force in moderating overall health care costs; and

WHEREAS, today's powerful medications require greater attention to the manner in which they are used by different patient population groups – both clinically and demographically; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all users of prescription and nonprescription medications, or their caregivers, be knowledgeable about and share responsibility for their own drug therapy; and

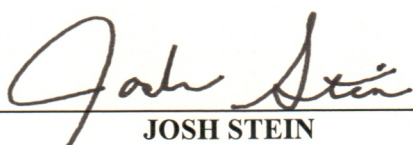
WHEREAS, pharmacists are specifically educated with a level of expertise on medication therapy that exceeds that of other health care providers, making pharmacists ideally suited to work collaboratively with other health care providers and patients to improve medication use and outcomes by providing services through medication therapy management; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists provide the expertise and the accessibility that are crucial to patients fully optimizing access to medications, supporting patient care that ensures optimal medication therapy outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the American Pharmacists Association and the Carolina Association of Pharmacy Students at the University of North Carolina Eshelman School of Pharmacy have declared October as American Pharmacists Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as “**AMERICAN PHARMACISTS MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance.




JOSH STEIN
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 twenty-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.