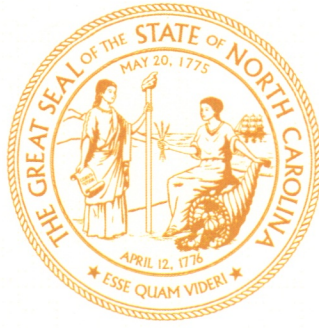




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages its employees and residents to use personal protective equipment (PPE) to reduce work-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, based on a recent study, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that only 1 percent of workers suffering face injuries were wearing face protection, only 25 percent (one out of four) of workers with foot injuries wore safety shoes or boots, and 60 percent of workers with eye injuries were not wearing eye protection at the time of the accident. Ninety percent of all workplace eye injuries are preventable with the use of proper eyewear and safety measures.

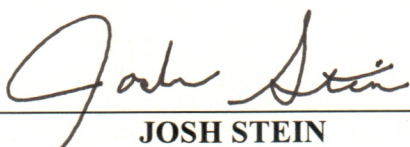
WHEREAS, injuries to the head, hands, feet, and eyes can be avoided with the use of PPE; and

WHEREAS, safety glasses, protective gloves, safety shoes, hard hats, and other protective clothing help eliminate injuries from everyday tasks; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, all North Carolinians can observe Personal Protective Equipment Month by recommitting to always use protective equipment for safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as **"PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT 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-sixth day of October 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.