

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

TICK AND MOSQUITO AWARENESS MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, tick- and mosquito-transmitted diseases affect people across the United States and are significant health threats in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, based on public health surveillance conducted by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, more than 1,000 cases of tick- and mosquito-borne diseases were reported among people in North Carolina last year; and

WHEREAS, the tick-borne diseases Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis, and Lyme disease and the mosquito-borne diseases La Crosse encephalitis and West Nile encephalitis were all reported in North Carolina and are preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina tracks cases of other mosquito-borne infections such as Zika, chikungunya, malaria, and dengue – all associated with travel; and

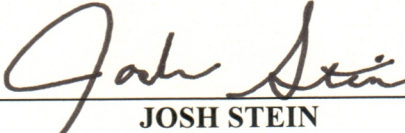
WHEREAS, climate change is shifting the habitat range for ticks, mosquitos, and other insects, bringing the risks of tick- and mosquito-transmitted diseases to new places;

WHEREAS, effective prevention against tick- and mosquito-borne illness is achievable through scientifically informed, integrated pest management strategies and personal protective measures during seasons of high tick and mosquito activity; and

WHEREAS, it is important for North Carolina residents and health care providers to learn more about the threat, medical implications, and prevention of these diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as “**TICK AND MOSQUITO AWARENESS MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





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-seventh day of April 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 fiftieth.