



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina values the wisdom, experience, and contributions of older Americans who enrich and strengthen our communities, provide service to others, and improve opportunities for future generations;

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a growing diverse population of older Americans, and our communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds are welcomed, included, and supported; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina ranks ninth nationally, both in total population and in the number of people 65 and over, and is estimated to have more residents above the age of 60 than under the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of the best states for retirement and older Americans are living longer, healthier lives; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Community Living has designated the 2022 theme for Older American's Month as *Age My Way*, an opportunity to recognize the value of maintaining autonomy, independence, and dignity as we age; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Aging and Adult Services, NC Department of Health and Human Services, is committed to supporting aging services for various needs of an evolving aging community, and the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging is appointed to study and make recommendations to improve aging services in this state; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina can work to build even better opportunities for our older residents by planning programs that encourage independence, ensuring activities are responsive to individual needs and preferences, and increasing access to services that support aging in place;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2022, as "**OLDER AMERICANS 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 fifth day of May 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-sixth.