

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Public Law 99-483, enacted by United States Congress in 1987, designates March as National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 180,000 people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities throughout all 100 counties of our state; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all North Carolinians to recognize and acknowledge that it is not developmental disabilities, but unjust societal barriers and challenges that can keep individuals from realizing their full potential at school, work, home, and/or in their communities; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians can contribute to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities by becoming stronger advocates and supporters of their increased independence, capacity, and leadership; and

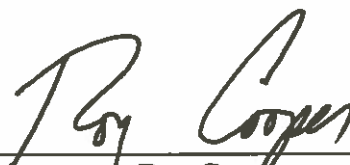
WHEREAS, it is important that we expand opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities – including access to integrated employment, education, housing, health care, and civic engagement – to promote community participation; and

WHEREAS, expecting and enabling people with developmental disabilities to function independently and productively within our societal and economic structures can strengthen our state in all areas, including public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Council on Developmental Disabilities, other state agencies, businesses, organizations, and individuals throughout our state are working to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, capacity building, and systems change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as “**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS 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 second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.