



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

AND

HEPATITIS TESTING DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an estimated 3.5 million people in the United States, including as many as 150,000 in North Carolina, are living with chronic hepatitis C infection, and up to 75 percent of people living with chronic hepatitis C are unaware of their infection; and

WHEREAS, reported cases of acute hepatitis C in North Carolina have increased nearly five-fold since 2009; and

WHEREAS, syringe service programs are now available in North Carolina and are an evidence-based method of reducing hepatitis B and hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, there are medications available to cure hepatitis C and vaccines available for hepatitis A and B prevention; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Public Health is actively working to address the needs of people living with hepatitis through TLC (Test, Link, Cure), syringe exchanges, prevention education, and through partnerships with local health departments, faith-based programs, and other community efforts; and

WHEREAS, May 19 is designated Hepatitis Testing Day to remind health care providers and the public who should be tested for viral hepatitis; per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, all adults born between 1945 and 1965 should be tested at least once for hepatitis C; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins all health care providers and allies in supporting efforts to eliminate associated health inequities and promote education, prevention, research, and community service to stop the spread of hepatitis B and hepatitis C;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as “HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH” and May 19, 2018, as “HEPATITIS TESTING DAY” in North Carolina, and commend 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 fourth day of May 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.