



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MINORITY HEALTH MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States has become increasingly diverse in the last century and is projected to become even more diverse in the approaching decades; and

WHEREAS, although health indicators such as life expectancy and infant mortality have improved for most Americans, some minorities experience a disproportionate burden of preventable disease, death, and disability compared to non-minorities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's racial and ethnic minority groups account for approximately 36 percent of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities at the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is to promote and advocate for the elimination of health disparities among all racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this year's National Minority Health Month theme, Partnering for Health Equity, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and its divisions, programs, and staff will continue their vital work of building partnerships across our state to eliminate health disparities and implement health equity strategies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2018, as "**MINORITY HEALTH 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 twenty-ninth 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.