



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SEAT BELT SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the people of North Carolina are vitally important; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of North Carolinians regularly drive or ride in motor vehicles on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, regular seat belt use is the most effective way to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2016, an average of 600 lives were saved per year because people were wearing seat belts in passenger vehicles in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, 432 people who were not using seat belts were killed in 2016—a seven percent increase from the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the use of seat belts is required by the laws of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, studies show that as of 2017, 91.4 percent of North Carolinians use seat belts; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is the national *Click It or Ticket* mobilization enforcement period; and

WHEREAS, across the state, law enforcement officers will actively participate in the mobilization to ensure that all motor vehicle occupants are buckled-up day and night to reduce the risk of injury and death in traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, increased enforcement of seat belt laws, coupled with public education outreach and strong occupant protection laws, have proven to be effective tools to increase seat belt use and decrease traffic-related fatalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as “**SEAT BELT SAFETY 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 twenty-seventh day of April 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.