



# 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.



  
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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.