



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD AIDS DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year on World AIDS Day, the global community, including North Carolina, comes together to fight this devastating pandemic, remember family and friends we have lost, stand with the estimated 37 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide, and renew our commitment to preventing the spread of this virus; and

WHEREAS, as of December 2017, an estimated 40,000 people in North Carolina are living with HIV/AIDS, of which approximately 5,000 are unaware of their infection; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,300 new HIV cases are diagnosed per year in North Carolina, the majority in African American and Latinx communities; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for HIV, but scientists and community members are collaborating to develop a cure; effective treatment with antiretroviral drugs suppresses the virus so that transmission does not occur and people with HIV can enjoy healthy and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, approximately 86 percent of all clients enrolled in North Carolina's HIV Medication Assistance Program (HMAP) are virally suppressed; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's increased promotion of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), along with other proven prevention strategies, can significantly reduce the risk of acquiring HIV; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins people living with HIV, all local health departments, HIV/AIDS community organizations, local hospitals, HIV medical providers, researchers, and other community and faith-based allies in supporting efforts to improve education, prevention, access to care, treatment, and supportive services, and to encourage effective partnerships to end the spread of HIV/AIDS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2018, as "WORLD AIDS DAY" 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 thirtieth day of November 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.