



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

2016

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the nation in honoring and supporting the tremendous contributions family caregivers make each day, and to spotlight the fact that most people who need care rely on family and friends for their support; and

WHEREAS, each year almost one-quarter of North Carolinians report providing regular care and assistance to a family member or friend, and the number of older adults who will need assistance with daily activities is expected to grow substantially over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's caregivers are diverse in their characteristics and circumstances but share one common goal of enabling their family member or friend to remain active in the community whenever possible, and benefit from the assurance that they can call upon the business, faith, medical, and human service communities to assist with information and formal services when needed; and

WHEREAS, businesses are realizing the value in providing support to employees who are family caregivers because caregiving often comes with great personal sacrifice in terms of financial security, social support, and physical and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, helping North Carolina's family caregivers access and utilize respite services as a temporary, restorative break can protect a family caregiver's own health, strengthen family relationships, prevent burn-out and can enable a care recipient to stay at home longer; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services, the Area Agencies on Aging, local providers, and many other organizations are committed to increasing the awareness of caregivers' needs and continue to press forward in meeting these needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2016 to be "Family Caregiver Month" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to acknowledge and support family, friends, and neighbors who are helping those with special needs. Support of family caregivers is not only the right thing to do, but also an essential investment for the future of North Carolina's long-term care system.

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 27th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.




PAT McCRORY
Governor