



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, health care information technology and management systems are essential tools for improving the quality of patient care, ensuring patient safety, helping to coordinate care across health care settings, and reducing health care costs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that implementing standards for interoperability and exchange of health information could save the United States approximately \$75 billion in health care expenses each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability to exchange health information confidently and securely across health care systems is fundamental to transforming America's health care delivery system, improving quality and clinical outcomes, and controlling costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States has prioritized adopting interoperable electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE) as essential components of the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Program's Meaningful Use Stage 2; and

**WHEREAS**, health information technology is essential to improving the quality and safety of health care delivery in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2006, American organizations and companies have united to support National Health Information Technology Week to increase public awareness of the benefits of health information technology, including improved quality and cost efficiency of the health care system; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the value of information technology and management systems in transforming health care for the people of the United States, and encourages interested parties to use this week to promote safe and secure interoperability and health information exchange;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 8 – 12, 2018, as "**HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WEEK**" 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 fifth day of October 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.