

Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Day

2016

By the Commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Insurance

a Proclamation

WHEREAS Medicare is a program designed to provide payment for health care for senior citizens and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS more than 1.7 million North Carolinians are Medicare beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS our seniors and other Medicare beneficiaries have special insurance needs and often require assistance choosing insurance products that are right for them; and

WHEREAS the SHIIP program was established 30 years ago to address these needs, and North Carolina SHIIP has become a model for similar programs across the nation; and

WHEREAS SHIIP currently has more than 900 volunteer counselors in all 100 counties across the state who serve their local communities, spending more than 68,000 volunteer hours helping citizens last year; and

WHEREAS North Carolinians have benefited greatly from the dedication, professionalism and unbiased advice of SHIIP staff and volunteers since its creation in 1986;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WAYNE GOODWIN, Commissioner of the State of North Carolina's Department of Insurance, proclaim September 19, 2016, "Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program Day" in North Carolina and in recognition of SHIIP's 30 year anniversary. I congratulate the SHIIP staff and volunteers on this milestone, and encourage citizens who need help with Medicare or other senior insurance issues to contact SHIIP for assistance.


Wayne Goodwin



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina in Raleigh this fifteenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.