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THE NORTH CAROLINA
HEALTH EQUITY IMPACT AWARDS



Achieving health equity requires focused, ongoing societal efforts to address and eliminate avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, as well as social, economic, and health disparities.

To commemorate 25 years of service toward the advancement of health equity, the North Carolina Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities invites you to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts of students, community members, organizations, and health professionals that are effectively working to eliminate health disparities using health equity strategies, ideas, and innovation.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**HILTON GARDEN INN CRABTREE
3912 ARROW DRIVE, RALEIGH, NC 27612**



CEREMONY SPEAKER: M. Joycelyn Elders, MD

Confirmed as the 15th Surgeon General of the United States in 1993, Dr. Elders was the first African American and second female to direct the U.S. Public Health Service. Dr. Elders now serves as a professor emeritus of pediatrics and distinguished professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS). Dr. Elders is a strong advocate for children's health, quality patient care, and health safety.

“There's a great big difference between being concerned and being committed. When I went to Washington, I was committed. And what I was about was not negotiable.”

RSVP to ncminorityhealth@dhhs.nc.gov by **Tuesday, September 5, 2017**