

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

### **GOVERNOR**

#### NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION MONTH

2017

#### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for 54 years, the North Carolina Community College System has opened the door to education and career training for millions of North Carolinians; and,

WHEREAS, 40 percent of North Carolina's wage-earners have attended a North Carolina community college in the past 10 years; and,

WHEREAS, the 58 institutions of the North Carolina Community College System provide educational programs and classes to more than 730,000 North Carolinians each year; and,

WHEREAS, the majority of those community college students pursue their studies while they work and manage family responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's community college students carry the benefits of their excellent preparation into the workforce, into further education, and into their communities, strengthening the state's economy for all North Carolinians; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina's community colleges provide unparalleled access to higher education, opening the doors of opportunity to those who need education the most; and,

WHEREAS, North Carolina's community colleges are vital partners in North Carolina's workforce development system and with the business community, including small businesses; and

WHEREAS, students, faculty, staff, presidents, and business partners who have demonstrated outstanding academic and professional efforts during the past year will be recognized as part of North Carolina Community Colleges' annual celebration of "The Great Within the 58;" and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is honored to join in a celebration of student, faculty, staff, president, and community partner achievements and excellence, with congratulations to all award recipients who strive to reach their highest potential and help create success for their communities and their state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2017, as "NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 fourth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.