



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**YOUTH MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAYS**

2017

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the month of April, 2017 includes celebrations for both National Volunteer Week and Global Youth Service Day, which supports children and youth committed to a lifetime of meaningful service, learning, and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, many children and youth may need encouragement to realize their capability to promote change, make a difference, and contribute meaningful work through volunteerism and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes and applauds the courageous efforts of its many children and youth currently involved in service, especially those leaders who activate and inspire their peers to join the cause; and

**WHEREAS**, Youth Make a Difference Days is an opportunity to acknowledge North Carolina young people who are doing good work in their communities by designating a Governor's Youth Community Service Volunteer "Spokeskid;" and


**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is honored to announce Mackenzie Hinson, age 12, the first ever Spokeskid in order to provide a platform for her continued efforts to inspire youth volunteering and make her peers aware of their potential to create change; and

**WHEREAS**, among her accomplishments, Mackenzie earns this title for her work to end hunger; her Make a Difference Food Pantry in Goldsboro has served almost 40,000 people since opening in 2015, prompting Mayor Chuck Allen to declare September 26 – 30 as "Make a Difference Hunger Awareness Week;" and

**WHEREAS**, today, Mackenzie has a message for all North Carolinians: "I ask all North Carolina youth to participate in Youth Make a Difference Days, April 21 – 23, by volunteering at a local nonprofit organization;" her goal is to spread her Make a Difference Movement and create a ripple effect of kindness;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 21 – 23, 2017, as "**YOUTH MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAYS**" in North Carolina, and commend their 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 twentieth 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.