

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, environmental education is a lifelong learning process that increases knowledge and awareness about the environment, engages children and adults in learning, and equips individuals with the skills and motivation to make informed environmental decisions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the people of North Carolina to improve environmental literacy and to take advantage of the outstanding environmental education programs, abundant natural wonders, and excellent informal educational facilities available in our state; and

WHEREAS, environmental education has been shown to improve Pre-K through 12th grade academic achievement across all disciplines, and encourages schools and educators to partner with local and regional museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, coastal reserves, aquariums, forests, gardens, parks and other public informal learning facilities and programs; and

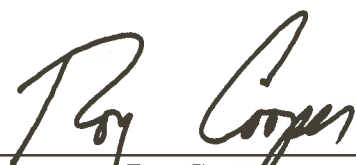
WHEREAS, North Carolina is recognized as a leader in environmental education for certifying more than 1,000 individuals through the first environmental educator certification program in the nation, and for identifying more than 200 environmental education centers throughout the state that provide quality science-based educational programs to the public; and

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Education Foundation has established National Environmental Education Week to celebrate the many ways people are engaging with their environment, and to encourage companies, government agencies, nonprofits, community organizations, school systems, and all people throughout the country to explore their own connections to the environment and showcase how they are making a difference on behalf of the environment; and

WHEREAS, National Environmental Education Week will provide North Carolina's professional environmental education community the opportunity to promote and showcase our state's vast environmental education resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2018, as “**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION 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 nineteenth day of April 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.