



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SUMMER LEARNING DAY**

**2018**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, National Summer Learning Day celebrates the importance of keeping children learning, safe, and healthy all summer and ready to succeed in the school year ahead; and

**WHEREAS**, during the summer months, children can lose what they learn; most students lose two months of math skills every summer, and children from low-income families typically lose an additional two to three months of reading; and

**WHEREAS**, summer learning loss during elementary school contributes to an academic achievement gap later in life; approximately two-thirds of the ninth-grade reading achievement gap between children from low-income families and their peers from middle income families can be attributed to learning loss that happened during the summers of their elementary school years; and

**WHEREAS**, parents can help prevent learning loss by reading with their children and by encouraging their children to read independently throughout the summer break; and

**WHEREAS**, public agencies, community and faith-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, and camps provide summer programming that plays an important and trusted role in the education and well-being of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, summer learning is a vital part of our collective effort to ensure all students are ready for school and reading on grade-level by the end of third grade for academic and lifelong success; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages all students, parents, guardians, families, and individuals to champion summer learning in support of academic achievement for every child in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 12, 2018, as “**SUMMER LEARNING DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 fifth day of July 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.