



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS WEEK**

2018

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, when school is out for summer, students who count on eating meals at school may not have access to all the nutrition they need to be active and healthy; and

**WHEREAS**, one in four North Carolina children faces food insecurity, and summer nutrition program meals provide an important source of good nutrition; and

**WHEREAS**, summer should be a time for fun with family and friends; however, summer is also a time when families who count on their children eating meals at school may have to stretch an already tight family food budget even further; and

**WHEREAS**, summer is also critical for kids and teens' academic and physical development; studies show that young people are at a higher risk for both hunger and obesity during the summer months, and can lose several months of learning in mathematics and reading without academic practice; and

**WHEREAS**, summer meal programs can ease families' stress by providing their children with the good nutrition they need to maintain health, fitness, and academic curiosity outside of school; summer nutrition programs also provide a fun, safe place for members to be with friends and stay active; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that all communities work to raise awareness of the free summer meals available through summer nutrition programs in their area; and

**WHEREAS**, by advocating for increased capacity and meal sites, investing in summer programming to attract young people, and promoting community outreach, we can help to make summer nutrition programs accessible to all families throughout our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to make sure no child goes hungry this summer;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 11 – 17, 2018, as “**SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAMS FOR KIDS WEEK**” 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 eighth day of June 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.