



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

THE DANDELION WALK DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Dandelion Walk is a day for LIFESPAN Creative Campus Guilford to celebrate with community minded people who want to help empower, educate, and employ individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The Dandelion Walk promotes awareness of adults and children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 1,336,000 people in North Carolina over the age of five who have a form of disability; and

WHEREAS, LIFESPAN provides 17 day programs between Andrews and Greensboro, North Carolina, two inclusive schools for children 6 weeks to pre-K, six group homes, over 15 Alternative Family Living Services, and Community Guides, as well as Supported Employment services for adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, during 2016 – 2017, LIFESPAN has provided exceptional services, support, and care to 1,379 children and adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, LIFESPAN helps the economic growth of North Carolina by assisting individuals with disabilities in securing employment in a job of their choosing, leading to increased economic self-sufficiency and independence; and

WHEREAS, LIFESPAN program participants are thriving, and continue to lend a helping hand in their North Carolina communities by volunteering over 10,000 hours per year throughout our collection of community programs; and

WHEREAS, LIFESPAN is recognized and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the North Carolina Chambers of Commerce, the United Way, the North Carolina Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, and many other North Carolina agencies that advocate for adults and children with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 17, 2017, as "**THE DANDELION WALK DAY**" 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 twelfth day of June 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.