

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH**

**2018**

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

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, reunification with family is the preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, for most children in foster care, reunification with their family is their best option for a permanent and loving home; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, an average of approximately 1,600 children are successfully reunified with their families in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, all children need the care, love, security, and stability of family unity – including parents or guardians, siblings, grandparents, and/or other extended family members – to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity; and

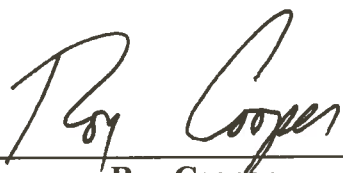
**WHEREAS**, reunification takes work, commitment, and investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has been a leader and example in celebrating the accomplishments of families who overcome an array of challenges to reunify safely and successfully; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages service, civic, and religious organizations as well as child welfare agencies, courts, schools, businesses, and individuals to join in commemorating National Reunification Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that recognize the importance of supporting our families and communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2018, as “**NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH**” 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.