

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, rehabilitation counselors are vital to the well-being of North Carolina's citizens, providing services and support to increase the independence, self-sufficiency, and active community participation of individuals with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, rehabilitation counselors assess an individual's needs; provide counseling, guidance, and support; and build a partnership to develop customized rehabilitation plans and programs; this process is vital for those who need rehabilitation counseling services in order to achieve their employment and independent living goals; and

**WHEREAS**, professional organizations that offer rehabilitation counseling services also promote the improvement of these programs through research and quality education for counselors; and

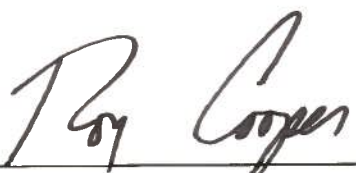
**WHEREAS**, some organizations have advocated for required education, training, and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 1983, the president of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education provided testimony before the United States Congress bringing attention to the need for qualified rehabilitation counselors; these efforts led to the enactment of laws that now require rehabilitation counselors to have proper credentials so they may provide a higher level of quality care to those in need of their services;

**WHEREAS**, rehabilitation counselors, and the organizations supporting the elevation of their profession, are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to individuals in need of rehabilitation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2018, as "**REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION 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 twenty-sixth day of February 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.