



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

AND

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, education has a limitless power to influence our state's future through its impact on the students of today;
and

WHEREAS, teachers work to open students' minds to ideas, knowledge, and dreams, and change the lives of millions of children every day; their work has a lasting impact that extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, our teachers play a key role in determining what values, ideals, and priorities are held and respected by the future generations of our state and nation, and we cannot continue to take them for granted; and

WHEREAS, having an effective teacher is the most important in-school factor for student success; and

WHEREAS, our teachers willingly take on the great responsibility of educating our children; and

WHEREAS, a recent report from the National Education Association (NEA) ranks North Carolina 37th for average teacher pay and below the national average, something North Carolina cannot accept because teachers must have professional pay, and students must have well-qualified teachers; and

WHEREAS, our willingness to invest in our teachers reflects our commitment to investing in our economy, and in the future of our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, National Teacher Day was first celebrated by congressional declaration in March of 1980, and was moved and extended to the first full week of May by the National PTA and NEA Representative Assembly in 1985; and

WHEREAS, this day and week are designated as a time to honor the people who educate our children, and to demonstrate our respect and support for our teachers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 7 – 11, 2018, as "**NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**" and May 8, 2018, as "**NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend 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 fourth day of May 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.