



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, American Education Week, recognized and celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving since 1921, was created and sponsored by the National Education Association and the American Legion to observe public schools as the backbone of democracy, providing opportunities and strengthening every community; and

WHEREAS, a year after American Education Week was first established, the United States Office of Education joined as a cosponsor of the observance, and the Parent Teacher Association followed in 1938; and

WHEREAS, public schools help cultivate a passion for learning, inspire curiosity and imagination, and unlock the potential of young people; and

WHEREAS, public education provides a pathway to economic success and serves as an economic linchpin to every community, bringing together adults, children, educators, business leaders, volunteers, and elected leaders in North Carolina; public education is a top employer in nearly 70 of North Carolina's 100 counties and a top five employer in every county; and

WHEREAS, all education employees – teachers, school counselors, custodians, instructional assistants, bus drivers, staff, and administrators – work tirelessly to go the extra mile each day for our students; yet, too many public schools lack the resources they need to prepare students for success; and

WHEREAS, each year, the North Carolina Association of Educators plans a week of activities for parents, community members, and elected leaders to learn more about public schools and the work of all educators in schools across our state; during this week, National Education Support Professionals Day on November 14 is also celebrated to honor the contributions of school support staff; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe this week by supporting our local schools and educators, for whom every week is education week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 12 – 16, 2018, as “**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**” 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 thirteenth day of November 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.