



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DAY OF APPRECIATION FOR GRAND-FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD**

2017

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, nearly eight million American children live in households with a grandparent, and more than 3 million of these children are cared for primarily by that grandparent; and

**WHEREAS**, in these families, often referred to as kin-care, kinship care, or grand-families, parents are usually absent and biological relatives—grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, or great grandparents—bear the primary responsibility for the well-being and rearing of children in the family; and

**WHEREAS**, 60 percent of relative caregivers are in the workforce, and more than 35 percent of the 2.7 million grandparents who report they are responsible for their grandchild's basic needs have provided primary care for more than five years; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 30 percent of all children in the foster care system live with relative caregivers; for every child raised in the foster care system, 25 children are raised by grandparents or other relatives outside of the system; and

**WHEREAS**, those grand-families that keep children out of foster care save taxpayers more than \$6.5 billion each year; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 230,000 North Carolina children under the age of 18 live in homes headed by a grandparent or other relative; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina commends grand-family heads of household—grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, or great grandparents—for their commitment to family and personal sacrifices for the benefit of children in communities throughout our state; citizens are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 17, 2017, as a **"DAY OF APPRECIATION FOR GRAND-FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD"** 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 seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.