



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**ADOPTION MONTH**

**2017**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the annual observance of Adoption Month celebrates all North Carolina adoptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 national theme for Adoption Month is Teens Need Families, No Matter What; North Carolina families are encouraged to share their hearts and homes with older youth at risk of aging out of foster care waiting to be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, every child deserves the opportunity to grow up in a loving, stable family, and adoption is one way to build a family; and

**WHEREAS**, caring adults and committed families can make all the difference in the lives of young people, sibling groups, children with special needs, and teenagers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, 1,425 children in North Carolina were adopted from foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, each County Department of Social Services in the State of North Carolina works diligently to place foster children in adoptive homes; and

**WHEREAS**, NC Kids Adoption and Foster Care Network within the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, recruits approved adoptive families in the hope of placing current children in foster care who are awaiting adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, Adoption Month is an opportunity to celebrate foster and adoptive families, and spread awareness on behalf of the hundreds of children in foster care in North Carolina who continue to wait for a loving permanent family; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages communities, businesses, groups, schools, faith-based organizations, and families to participate in efforts to recruit permanent, loving families for North Carolina's waiting children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "ADOPTION MONTH" 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 twenty-fifth day of October 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.