



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BACKPACK BUDDIES DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one in four children in North Carolina is at risk of hunger; and

WHEREAS, more than 516,000 children are going hungry across our state; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the eighth highest rate of food insecurity in the nation; and

WHEREAS, 57 percent of children enrolled in public schools in North Carolina are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch; and

WHEREAS, Backpack Buddies is designed to provide these students, who are identified as food insecure by their teachers and guidance counselors, with groceries for the weekend when free and reduced-price school lunches are unavailable; and

WHEREAS, undernutrition can negatively impact children's development, and hinder educational growth in the classroom; all students need proper food and nutrition every day of the week to be comfortable, focused, and ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends the work of Backpack Buddies programs in our communities across the state, and applauds any effort to ensure that all our children and students are supported and prepared to succeed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2017, as "**BACKPACK BUDDIES DAY**" 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-fourth day of August 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.