

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GENDER EXPANSIVE PARENTS' DAY**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, all parents, regardless of gestational relationship to a child, gender identity, or gender expression, deserve to be celebrated for the love and nurturing they give to their children; and

**WHEREAS**, at least two million children in the United States have a parent that identifies as LGBTQ; more than 400,000 children have a foster parent that identifies as LGBTQ; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ people are six times more likely to foster children and four times more likely to adopt children into their families; and

**WHEREAS**, increasingly, many of these LGBTQ parents also exist outside a traditional gender binary; and

**WHEREAS**, terms like non-binary, gender expansive, and agender are used to describe a spectrum of gender identities that are not exclusively masculine or feminine; and

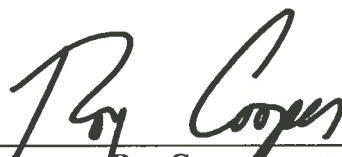
**WHEREAS**, parenting for those who do not identify as mothers or fathers can be isolating due to lack of public parenting communities, adequate parenting support systems, healthcare disparities, and legal discrimination in adoption and child custody; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition of the work and sacrifice of non-binary, agender, and other gender expansive parents, as well as that of other non-traditional primary caregivers, is key to our efforts to create a more inclusive State; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes any supportive relationship that a child has with their parent and honors gender expansive parents;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 6, 2020, as “**GENDER EXPANSIVE PARENTS' DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 second day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.