



State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, computer science education provides fundamental learning in computational thinking that enables students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, demonstrate imagination and creativity, practice collaboration, exhibit leadership, and employ problem-solving skills; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's K-12 schools and institutions of higher education are launching significant efforts to expand computer science education opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, computer science education contributes to increased attendance and graduation rates, and prepares students for college, careers, and citizen readiness; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 20,000 open computer science jobs in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, computer programmers are needed in every industry; and

WHEREAS, computer science is integrated into all parts of the economy and contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities across North Carolina and our nation; and

WHEREAS, students who study computer science in high school are six times more likely to major in computer science in college, and female students who study computer science in high school are 10 times more likely to major in computer science in college; and

WHEREAS, only 95 high schools in North Carolina offered an Advanced Placement computer science course during the 2016-17 school year; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that North Carolina has a workforce prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow, our state must provide more opportunities for our students to engage in computer science and learn coding skills, especially in our K-12 schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 3 – 9, 2018, as “**COMPUTER SCIENCE 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 twenty-sixth 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.