



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

SCHOOL BUS APPRECIATION WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day in North Carolina, over 13,000 school buses carry more than 790,000 students to and from school; and

WHEREAS, without school buses and school bus drivers, many public school students would not have safe, reliable transportation to and from school; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the use of school buses saves over 65 million gallons of fuel statewide each year compared to individual family cars; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers travel thousands of miles each school year, navigating rural roads, neighborhood streets and multi-lane highways to deliver students to their schools and homes safely; and

WHEREAS, weather and road conditions, student passengers and other motorists can create special challenges to school bus drivers as they carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina salutes and appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the valuable contributions they make to public education and student safety; and

WHEREAS, the American School Bus Council "Love the Bus" week is celebrated in North Carolina during the week of Valentine's Day; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to "LOVE THE BUS" and to recognize the excellence of our state school bus drivers and their good record of safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 13-17, 2017, as "**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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-seventh day of January 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.