



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**KINSHIP CARE MONTH**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, a growing number of children in North Carolina are living in kinship care with grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends, often referred to as fictive kin; and

**WHEREAS**, relatives and fictive kin residing in urban, rural, and suburban households in every county of North Carolina have stepped forward out of love and loyalty to care for children during times in which biological parents are unable to do so; and

**WHEREAS**, kinship caregivers provide safety, promote wellbeing, and establish stable households for vulnerable children; and

**WHEREAS**, kinship care enables a child to maintain family relationships and cultural heritage, and remain in their local community; and

**WHEREAS**, kinship care is a statewide resource that provides loving homes for children at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, kinship caregivers face daunting challenges to keep countless children from entering foster homes here in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, kinship care families in North Carolina, where a child is raised by grandparents, other relatives, or fictive kin, should be recognized for providing loving homes for parentless children; and

**WHEREAS**, Kinship Care Month provides an opportunity to urge people in North Carolina to join in celebrating kinship caregiving families and the tradition of families helping raise children in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, much remains to be done to ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family regardless of age, circumstances, or special needs;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as “**KINSHIP CARE MONTH**” 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 eleventh day of September 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.