



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

MENTORING MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month honors those who dedicate their time to counsel and care for children and young people; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring includes a caring adult who encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic advancement, and introduces young people to new ideas; and

WHEREAS, mentors can be found throughout North Carolina's families, schools, churches, athletic teams, and youth organizations, serving in professional, personal, and volunteer roles; and

WHEREAS, mentors help to empower children and young people with the confidence, inspiration, and tools they need to lead rich and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Mentoring Month was created to recognize mentors for their ongoing contributions to our state and nation, but also to raise awareness and encourage more people to take advantage of mentoring opportunities; and

WHEREAS, mentors provide a structured, consistent, and trusting relationship that can help children and youth realize their potential and succeed in achieving personal, academic, and professional goals; and

WHEREAS, those interested in becoming a mentor should join one of North Carolina's many programs, initiatives, or organizations – such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Communities In Schools, Movement of Youth, Spirit of Excellence, StemCorps East, Playworks NC, and AmeriCorps, among others – and contact a local volunteer office or school system to find mentoring opportunities that fit your needs and interest; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes our mentors and mentoring programs, and encourages all who are able to volunteer as mentors to provide for the success of children and young people in communities across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2019, as “**MENTORING MONTH**” 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 thirtieth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.