



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is vital to promote stewardship and instill in future generations the value of protecting and preserving North Carolina's shared environment; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the people of North Carolina to improve their environmental literacy by taking advantage of programs offered by museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, coastal reserves, aquariums, forests, gardens, and parks; and

WHEREAS, environmental education has been shown to improve the academic achievement of K-12 students across all disciplines of study, and North Carolina is nationally recognized as a leader in environmental education; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Office of Environmental Education has certified more than 1,000 educators through the first environmental certification program in the nation and initiated hundreds of projects providing high quality, science-based educational programs to the public; and

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Education Foundation established National Environmental Education Week to encourage the public sector, private sector, academic community, faith community, and general public to reconnect with their environment; and

WHEREAS, National Environmental Education Week provides North Carolina the opportunity to celebrate our state's scenic beauty and natural resources while championing the role of educators and offering valuable programs to children, students, and adults;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 22 – 26, 2019, as "**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL 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 second day of April 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.