



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was established in September of 1958 as the North Carolina Regional Library for the Blind; it became a part of the State Library of North Carolina in January of 1959, and serves as a Regional Outreach of the Library of Congress, National Library Service; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped serves more than 12,400 individual patrons and 470 institutions, providing free braille and talking book library services for people with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical disability that prevents them from reading or holding the printed page; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides eligible readers with braille, audio books, and playback equipment – as well as BARD, the Braille and Audio Recording Download service for downloading electronic versions of braille and audio materials – on behalf of the Library of Congress, National Library Service; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped produces audio and braille materials on North Carolina history and culture or that are written by North Carolina authors; it also offers popular programs, including a monthly book discussion, tactile tours of the North Carolina Art Museum, and travel and cultural programs; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides services and materials to people in every county in North Carolina, making programs accessible to a statewide audience through live streaming as well as video and audio feeds; an active Friends group provides additional support for its programming and services; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is celebrating 60 years of service on September 13, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 13, 2018, as “**NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DAY**” 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 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.