



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**PAY IT FORWARD DAY**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the aim of the Pay It Forward Movement is to promote community spirit through acts of kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, Catherine Ryan Hyde, author of the novel *Pay It Forward* (1999), established the Pay It Forward Foundation to promote the philosophy that acts of kindness among strangers can foster a more caring society; and

**WHEREAS**, Pay It Forward Day began in Australia in 2007 to further the altruistic movement of goodwill, and has become a worldwide effort supported by participants in nearly 80 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pay It Forward concept encourages people to do good deeds for others without asking for anything in return, except that the recipients “pay it forward” by committing acts of kindness for others in need; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the importance of good deeds, acts of kindness, and selfless giving in creating positive change in our communities and world;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2019, as “**PAY IT FORWARD 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 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.