



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICORPS**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, through AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs, millions have answered the call to service; September 12, 2019 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first class of AmeriCorps members, who pledged to "get things done"; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps built upon the decades-old legacies of service established by the Civilian Conservation Corps and War on Poverty initiatives: Volunteers In Service To America, Senior Companions, Foster Grandparents, and RSVP; and

**WHEREAS**, national service programs and initiatives create understanding that unites our residents and bridges gaps across races, generations, social classes, and geographic boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants serve in more than 45,000 locations across the country, and in more than 850 service locations in North Carolina, bolstering the civic, neighborhood, and faith-based organizations that are vital to the nation's economic and social well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, service brings tangible benefits to the communities being served as well as to those providing the service, including improved health, expanded economic opportunity, and increased civic participation; and

**WHEREAS**, national service members and volunteers have recruited and led millions more who join them in service each year to support education, improve economic opportunity, protect the environment, respond to disasters, and support veterans and military families; and

**WHEREAS**, national service builds character and connects men and women to service that highlights the responsibilities of citizenship, leadership, and civic involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception in 1994, more than 22,000 North Carolina residents have served roughly 33 million hours through AmeriCorps; each year, approximately 1,600 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants of all ages serve in North Carolina, providing vital support to our people and improving the quality of life in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers demonstrate commitment, dedication, and patriotism by making an intensive commitment to service, and remain engaged in our communities after their terms of service as volunteers, public servants, and civic leaders in disproportionately high levels;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2019, as the "25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICORPS" 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 eighteenth day of October 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-fourth.