



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY**

**2021**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolinians with disabilities may need assistive technology devices and services to live independently and to participate more fully in their lives, families, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Assistive Technology Program provides services that include the reutilization of assistive technology devices; short-term loans of assistive technology devices; demonstration of devices to inform decision making; and financing activities to help individuals purchase or obtain assistive technology through a variety of initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, assistive technology refers to any item, piece of equipment, or product used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities or older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, assistive technology plays an important role in fulfilling the promise of the Americans with Disabilities Act by enhancing the lives of people with disabilities and increasing access to educational and employment opportunities alongside their peers without disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of assistive technology in the workplace promotes economic self-sufficiency, enhances work participation, and is critical to the employment of people with disabilities and older adults; and

**WHEREAS**, access to assistive technology, durable medical equipment, and accessible materials for individuals with disabilities has allowed North Carolinians to obtain testing and vaccination in support of the North Carolina response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in collaboration with inter-agency partners, the North Carolina Assistive Technology Program supports the State of North Carolina's Employment First efforts to be a leader in creating an inclusive climate and recruiting workers with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Assistive Technology Program has provided assistive technology equipment, expert guidance, and support services to North Carolinians for 32 years;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2021, as "ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY" 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 fifth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.