



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**BOOK DONATION DAY**

**2021**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, an average of one in seven, or 14 percent, of North Carolina adults have below basic prose literacy competency; and

**WHEREAS**, one way to improve the future of literacy in our state is to ensure that our children have the resources and means to develop the reading skills they need to succeed later in life; and

**WHEREAS**, recent data from the National Center for Education Statistics estimates that only 53 percent of children ages 2 to 5 are read to daily by a family member; and

**WHEREAS**, most often, the more types of reading materials there are in the home, the higher students are in reading proficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is vital that children from low-income families have equal access to reading and print materials to ensure they have the same opportunities to succeed in literacy and school; and

**WHEREAS**, the availability of books is a determining factor in measuring a child's educational growth in the classroom; all children need access to books to thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, a means to address literacy disparities in North Carolina is to donate books and print materials to the organizations, schools, businesses, libraries, groups, and individuals working in our communities to provide children and families consistent access to these resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina commends the organizations and individuals working to ensure that all children have equal access to books at home, and encourages people to always consider donating books as they are able;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2021, as "BOOK DONATION 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 thirteenth day of May 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.