



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**COUNSELING AWARENESS MONTH**

**2021**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, licensed professional counselors in North Carolina assist individuals, groups, and families by evaluating and treating mental disorders and other conditions through a combination of clinical mental health and human development principles; and

**WHEREAS**, through treatment, counselors develop an understanding of personal problems, define goals, and plan action reflecting their clients' interests, abilities, and mental health needs in relation to social concerns, educational progress, and professional development; and

**WHEREAS**, professional counselors can be found in a variety of settings, including primary and secondary schools, colleges, hospitals, mental health agencies, rehabilitation centers, private practice offices, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, careers in substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counseling are growing much faster than average, with an estimated 25 percent increase expected between 2019 and 2029; and

**WHEREAS**, professional counselors are crucial in our ongoing efforts to treat and understand mental health; their important work has supported many people through some of their most difficult times and saved countless lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes and commends the role that professional counselors play in making the residents of our state healthier and more capable of managing their mental health challenges;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2021, as "COUNSELING AWARENESS MONTH" 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 ninth 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.