



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DAY OF APPRECIATION FOR GRAND-FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 8 million American children live in households with a grandparent, and more than 3 million of these children are cared for primarily by the grandparent; and

WHEREAS, in these families, often referred to as kin-care, kinship care, or grand-families, parents are usually absent and biological relatives – grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins or great grandparents – have the primary responsibility for the well-being and rearing of children in the family; and

WHEREAS, approximately 60 percent of relative caregivers are in the workforce, and more than 35 percent of the 2.7 million grandparents who report they are responsible for their grandchild's basic needs have provided primary care for more than 5 years; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 30 percent of all children in the foster care system live with relative caregivers; for every child in the foster care system, 25 children are raised by grandparents or other relatives outside of the system; and

WHEREAS, by keeping children out of foster care, grand-families save taxpayers more than \$6.5 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, more than 230,000 North Carolina children under the age of 18 live in homes headed by a grandparent or other relative; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends grand-family heads of household – grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins or great grandchildren – for their commitment to family and personal sacrifices for the benefit of children in communities throughout our state; people are encouraged to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 22, 2019, as **"DAY OF APPRECIATION FOR GRAND-FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD"** 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 November 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.