



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DAY OF APPRECIATION FOR GRAND-FAMILY HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an estimated 7.8 million American children live in households headed by a grandparent or other relative; 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) bear the primary responsibility for the well-being and rearing of children in the family; and

WHEREAS, more than 25 percent of children in foster care live with relative caregivers; for every child raised in the foster care system, more than 20 children who are not in foster care are raised by grandparents or other relatives; and

WHEREAS, grand-families that keep children out of foster care save taxpayers an estimated up to \$6.5 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 226,000 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 grandparents – 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 20, 2020, 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 ninth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.