

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, digital inclusion refers to activities to ensure that individuals and communities have access to reliable and affordable broadband internet service; internet-enabled devices; access to digital literacy training; quality technical support; and applications and online content that enables and encourages self-sufficiency, participation, and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the increased need for high-speed connectivity, devices to access the internet, and digital literacy as North Carolinians seek to consult healthcare providers, telework, participate in remote learning, and connect with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, many North Carolinians do not have access to high-speed broadband connectivity, devices or, resources to meet their needs nor adequate digital literacy skills; and

WHEREAS, digital inclusion efforts are critical to achieving digital equity in our communities and in our state; and

WHEREAS, digital equity occurs when individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy, and economy; and

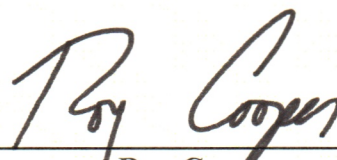
WHEREAS, digital equity is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Digital Inclusion Week seeks to increase public knowledge of the importance of digital equity and prompt digital inclusion efforts across our state to improve broadband access, foster adoption, and promote digital literacy; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is committed to closing the digital divide as we work to achieve digital equity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 5 – 9, 2020, as “**DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK**” 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 thirtieth day of September 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.