



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**MENTORING MONTH**

**2020**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, at the start of each new year, National Mentoring Month provides us with a chance to honor those who dedicate their time to counsel and care for the young people in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, quality mentoring includes a caring adult who empowers children and young people with the confidence, inspiration, and tools to lead rich and fulfilling lives; and

**WHEREAS**, mentors can be found throughout North Carolina's families, schools, churches, athletic teams, and youth organizations, serving in professional, personal, and volunteer roles; and

**WHEREAS**, our mentors encourage positive choices, promote self-esteem, support academic advancement, and introduce young people to new ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, along with recognizing these individuals, Mentoring Month was created to raise awareness and encourage more people to take advantage of mentoring opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, those interested in becoming a mentor should join one of North Carolina's many programs, initiatives, or organizations – such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Communities In Schools, Spirit of Excellence, and StemCorps East, among others – and contact your local volunteer office or school system to find mentoring opportunities to fit your needs and interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes our mentors and mentoring programs, and encourages all who are able to volunteer as mentors to enable the success of children and young people in communities across our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim January, 2020, as “**MENTORING MONTH**” 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 fourteenth day of January 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-fourth.