



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA WEEK FOR THE ANIMALS

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina Week for the Animals is an opportunity to recognize the important role that animals play in our lives; and

WHEREAS, animals bring joy to many people across North Carolina by providing companionship, therapy, service, work, and protection; and

WHEREAS, service animals can assist people with disabilities by performing a multitude of tasks, including escorting individuals with visual impairments, alerting deaf and hearing impaired individuals to sounds, picking up items, pulling wheelchairs, and alerting to medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, animals can also function in important law enforcement and defense roles as military and police K-9s; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering your pets as well as opting to adopt pets from local animal welfare organizations and shelters can significantly contribute to the reduction of pet overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages individuals and organizations across our state to volunteer their time to animal shelters, humane societies, sanctuaries, and wildlife centers so that we may all continue to celebrate the joy, service, and love that animals bring to our lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 14 – 22, 2020, as “**NORTH CAROLINA WEEK FOR THE ANIMALS**” 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 fourth day of March 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.