



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

STEM EDUCATION MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) drive North Carolina's twenty-first century economy and are critical to preparing our graduating high school students for college, technical training, and entering our state's able workforce; and

WHEREAS, STEM education provides skills essential to workforce development, ensuring North Carolinians are ready for the jobs of today and tomorrow; STEM education is necessary to succeed and expand career opportunities in our competitive, knowledge-based economy; and

WHEREAS, a diverse and inclusive workforce is critical to North Carolina's ability to adapt and compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is committed to removing systemic inequities that obstruct educational and workforce pathways for underrepresented women, people of color, and people from rural communities; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina colleges, universities, and business are producing cutting-edge scientific and technological advances; STEM education strengthens these operations and ensures our workforce can adapt to the demands of fast-paced innovation; and

WHEREAS, leading companies have established a presence in North Carolina because of our commitment to preparing STEM-ready workers; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to join the North Carolina Science Festival's annual celebration in promoting STEM during the month of April, and urges people to recognize the positive impacts of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics on the advancement of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2021, as "**STEM EDUCATION 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 thirty-first day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.