

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**STRUCTURED SENTENCING DAY**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted Structured Sentencing, as proposed by the North Carolina Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, effective October 1, 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, the Structured Sentencing law calls for sentencing guidelines based on a variety of factors, including the crime committed, the prior record of the offender, and alternatives to prison, in order to eliminate discrepancies and disparities in sentencing and time served; and

**WHEREAS**, structured sentencing has restored truth, consistency, and certainty to sentencing, thereby ensuring public confidence in the criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS**, structured sentencing has proven effective in prioritizing the use of correctional resources and balancing North Carolina's sentencing policies with those resources; and

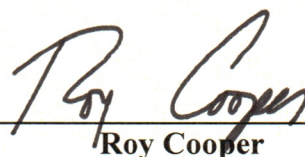
**WHEREAS**, the enduring principles embodied in structured sentencing have established a system that is stable and predictable, while remaining able to accommodate changes in North Carolina's Criminal Justice system priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's Structured Sentencing law has been a subject of national acclaim, including recognition by the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University as a recipient of the Innovations in American Government Award; and

**WHEREAS**, October 1, 2019, marks 25 years that structured sentencing has been in effect in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2019, as "**STRUCTURED SENTENCING DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 twenty-fifth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.