



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**STUDENTS@WORK MONTH**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Students@Work is a partnership between the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina Business Committee for Education; and

**WHEREAS**, through this partnership more than 250,000 North Carolina middle school students have participated in Students@Work celebrations and activities over the past nine years; and

**WHEREAS**, this month-long program is aimed at students across our state who may not be aware of the many career opportunities available to them; throughout the program students are exposed to professional environments in their community and given the opportunity to learn through real-world, work-based learning experiences such as job shadowing, internships, and mentoring; and

**WHEREAS**, career awareness is a critical first step in integrating work-based learning into the lives of North Carolina students, adding relevancy to their classrooms, helping them to successfully navigate career pathways, and ensuring that North Carolina is Job Ready; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic future of our state depends upon a highly skilled workforce, and all North Carolinians need access to the education and training required for career success; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages business leaders across our state to provide career awareness opportunities for middle school students;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2020, as "STUDENTS@WORK 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 twentieth day of February 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.