



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**WORLD HOMELESS DAY**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, World Homeless Day began on October 10, 2010, the result of online discussions between aid workers concerned with how to respond to homelessness around the world, and has since become an internationally observed annual event; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2018 report by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, there are over 9,200 people experiencing homelessness in North Carolina on any given day; of those, over 800 are veterans, over 400 are unaccompanied young adults, and roughly 900 are family households; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many factors that can lead people to experience homelessness, including unaffordable housing options, health-related issues, domestic violence, and poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness disproportionately affects minority groups in the United States, particularly among African Americans; 40 percent of America's homeless population is black; and

**WHEREAS**, there are viable solutions to homelessness that involve rehousing, coordinated entry, increased employment opportunity, and assistance for the most vulnerable; changes in policy and community-driven efforts are among the many ways people can have an impact on ending homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is at its best when all of its people are healthier, have more money in their pockets and are afforded the opportunity to live more abundant and purposeful lives; ending homelessness is key to achieving these goals, and residents are encouraged to educate themselves and raise awareness surrounding homelessness in order to work towards ending it;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2019, as **"WORLD HOMELESS DAY"** 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 third day of October 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.