

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF

**THE FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina was established in 1980; it was the first food bank in North Carolina to serve food insecure people in an area encompassing 34 counties; and

**WHEREAS**, prioritizing the health and wellness of our residents is of the utmost importance; more than 600,000 people in the Food Bank's service area are food insecure, including almost 180,000 children and over 50,000 seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank has nourished millions of North Carolinians by providing more than 820 million meals to children, families, and seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, partnerships with the Food Bank and health care organizations, schools, colleges, and universities aim to build solutions to end hunger in central and eastern North Carolina; and

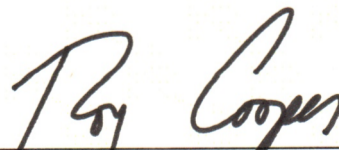
**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank and its partners look to empower the communities they serve through education and advocacy to help them overcome food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Food Bank is committed to providing disaster relief following weather events and the pandemic for as long as it takes the community to recover, with 16 million pounds of food and non-food essentials being distributed to those impacted by COVID-19 so far; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages residents, organizations, and community leaders to support the efforts of the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina and to come together and ensure that no one ever has to go hungry in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2020, as a day "**IN RECOGNITION OF THE FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL & EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA**" 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 eleventh day of September 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-fifth.