

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBERANCE

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the lives of nearly 3,000 men, women, and children were lost in the worst terrorist attack on United States soil in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, in our darkest hour, the American people, including firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, military personnel, and other first responders, responded to this violence with heroic acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, in the months following the attacks, people across the United States volunteered to help support the rescue and recovery efforts contributing to our healing as a nation; and

WHEREAS, on the anniversary of September 11, we recommit to this spirit of unity, and resolve to give of ourselves in service to each other; and

WHEREAS, there are many types of volunteerism that contribute to the betterment of our communities, including donations of time, funds, labor, or talents to a worthy cause; youth mentorship; supporting services for people with intellectual, developmental, or other disabilities; peer counseling; participating in programs that care for older adults; blood donation; advocating and providing for our veterans; working with animal shelters; disaster relief; and countless other humanitarian acts; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress enacted the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13) on April 21, 2009, requesting the observance of September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, serving as a 9/11 volunteer provides a chance to help others in tribute to those who were killed and injured on September 11, 2001, to honor our first responders, and the countless others who serve to defend the nation's freedom at home and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe September 11 by volunteering time and labor in service to our neighbors, communities, and fellow Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2024, as a "**NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBERANCE**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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IN WIT LSS WHERE F, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.