



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families is an organization, founded by military spouses in 2009, that seeks to empower military families by connecting them with neighbors, individuals, and organizations to create vibrant communities of mutual support; and

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the second to last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week”; and

WHEREAS, during this week, we recognize the 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year; and

WHEREAS, each year in North Carolina, more than 20,000 active-duty military personnel stationed in the state transition from military service to civilian status; and

WHEREAS, Blue Star Families is committed to ensuring that the families of servicemembers and veterans feel a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities and express gratitude for the sacrifices made by the active duty, transitioning servicemembers, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, we honor the selflessness of our military and veterans families, and encourage North Carolina residents to welcome and embrace our military-connected families into our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 21 – 29, 2024, as “**BLUE STAR WELCOME WEEK**” 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 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.