



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CELEBRATE SHELTER PETS DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Celebrate Shelter Pets Day is celebrated across the nation on the Thursday after Thanksgiving each year; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Shelter Pets Day raises awareness for tens of thousands of pets and animals that need adoption from shelters, animal rescue organizations, and rehabilitation centers; and

WHEREAS, more than 6 million pets end up in need of a loving home every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, animal shelter and animal rescue employees in our community work tirelessly to help pets in need, while volunteers in our community help through donations of time and funds; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies, veterinarians, and other community organizations collaborate with animal shelters and animal rescue organizations to educate the public on the proper care of animals, reunite lost pets with their families, and help to protect the welfare of helpless animals; and

WHEREAS, our state recognizes the emotional, mental, and social benefits of pets who provide companionship and comfort to their owners; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of November's Celebrate Shelter Pets Day campaign, North Carolina joins the Humane Society of the United States and other animal welfare groups in raising awareness through education and motivating individuals to find their next dog at a local shelter or rescue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2023, as "**CELEBRATE SHELTER PETS 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 twenty-ninth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.