

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH**

**2024**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, annually, the 58 North Carolina Community Colleges educate over 600,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, these institutions are dedicated to ensuring community college students have the necessary skills to embark on careers in some of the state's fastest-growing and most in-demand fields, including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, and clean energy; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Community College System stands as a key workforce leader, serving as a pivotal partner to employers through programs like NCEdge Customized Training, ApprenticeshipNC, NC BioNetwork, and the Small Business Center Network, thereby fostering a robust and skilled workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, by strategic design, nearly every North Carolinian is within a 30-minute drive of a community college, allowing these institutions to play a central role in economic development and social mobility across the state, and thus, underscoring the accessibility and community integration of these colleges; and

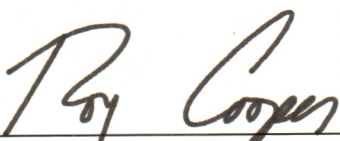
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina community colleges are unwavering in their commitment to North Carolina's 2030 attainment goal, diligently working to advance access for adult learners, justice-involved individuals, traditional college-aged students, students with disabilities, transfer students, and high school students through initiatives like Career and College Promise, promoting inclusivity and opportunity for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Community College System, encompassing 58 colleges, has set bold goals to boost enrollment and access, secure and retain staff and faculty, offer extensive support resources, build a premier statewide workforce, and revolutionize colleges with a fresh funding approach and enhanced System efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Community College System demonstrates a steadfast commitment to excellence, innovation, and community service, engaging in strategic partnerships across public and private sectors, exemplifying cooperation and a joint pursuit of advancing the State and its people;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2024, as "**COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH**" 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 twenty-seventh day of March 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-eighth.