

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Computer Science, IT, and Technology Education provide fundamental learning in computational thinking that enables students to develop and apply critical thinking skills, demonstrate imagination and creativity, practice collaboration, exhibit leadership, and employ problem-solving skills; and

**WHEREAS**, computing technology is an integral part of modern life and is transforming how people interact with each other and the world around them; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Code.org, minority students and first-generation college going students who study computer science in high school are at least three times more likely to major in computer science in college; women who study computer science in high school are at least five times more likely to major in computer science in college; and

**WHEREAS**, the outlook for computer science jobs is bright, with over 200,000 open computing positions across the country and over 16,000 computing jobs in North Carolina as of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, to ensure that North Carolina has a workforce prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow, our state must provide more opportunities for our students to engage in computer science and learn coding skills, especially in our K-12 schools; and

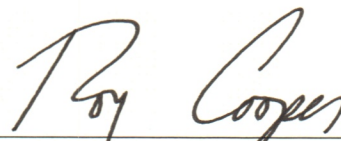
**WHEREAS**, all students deserve a thorough preparation in computer science education, including access to highly qualified and well-prepared teachers, technology, age-appropriate curriculum needed to learn computer science at the elementary and secondary levels of education, and the opportunity to count computer science classes towards their high school graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2022, Governor Cooper joined together with the National Governors Association and Governors from around the country to sign the Compact to Expand K-12 Computer Science Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of December 4, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday, is designated as Computer Science Education Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 4 – 10, 2023, as “**COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK**” 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 fourth day of December 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.