

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

DEAH DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2015, Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha, also known as “Our Three Winners,” were killed in their Chapel Hill home in a hate crime; and

WHEREAS, Our Three Winners left behind a legacy of civic service and giving back to their community, spawning numerous initiatives that have lived on after their passing and have had a significant impact on the local community; and

WHEREAS, Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu Salha were Dental Students at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s Adams School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, in honor of their legacy and as a way for students to remember Deah and Yusor’s love for serving their community, the UNC Adams School of Dentistry student body dedicated October 4 to these same activities in the Triangle area; and

WHEREAS, this day is named, “Directing Efforts And Honoring Deah And Yusor”, otherwise known as DEAH DAY; and

WHEREAS, the Adams School of Dentistry partners with local nonprofit organizations who do positive and impactful work across North Carolina; on DEAH Day, all classes are canceled to allow students to engage in acts of service; and

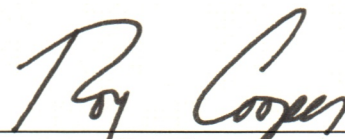
WHEREAS, dental students also volunteer at various dental clinics providing free dental care, including at the DYOR clinic established in Deah and Yusor’s name; and

WHEREAS, on DEAH Day, there are over 300 volunteers and 1000 hours of service completed each year; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the State of North Carolina, it is with immense pride and honor that I recognize the legacy of Our Three Winners, Deah Barakat, Yusor Abu-Salha, and Razan Abu-Salha;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2023, as “**DEAH 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 third day of October 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.