



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 358,000 residents in our state are tending to the needs or concerns of a person with short- or long-term limitations due to injury or disability and are therefore caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the number of older adults who will need assistance with daily activities is growing substantially each year, including an expected 50 percent increase in those over the age of 65 and 114 percent over the age of 85 in the next two decades; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's caregivers remain diverse in their characteristics and circumstances, they share a common goal of keeping their loved one in their community of choice, and benefit from the assurances that the business, faith, medical, and human service communities can assist with information and services when needed; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, communities, and public and private organizations working to increase public awareness of the unique needs of children in foster care placed with kinship care providers, and of the enduring and valuable contributions made by kinship families; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services, the Area Agencies on Aging, and many other local agencies are committed to increasing the awareness of caregivers' needs and continue to work toward meeting these needs; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to acknowledge and support family, friends, and neighbors who help those who are aging or have disabilities; support of family caregivers is the right thing to do and an essential investment in a better future for North Carolina's older adults and individuals with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2023, as "FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH" 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 thirtieth 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.