



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the late 19th century, Ellen Swallow Richards, the first female graduate and faculty member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, began teaching home economics as a way to address the growing needs of families regarding water quality, food safety, and management of the home; and

WHEREAS, rebranded as Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) in 1994, this field of study continues to be family focused, while expanding in scope to include aspects beyond home life; and

WHEREAS, FCS equips and empowers individuals and families to manage the challenges of living and working in today's society, offering education in food and nutrition, human and child development, personal and family finance, family relations, housing and interior design, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues; and

WHEREAS, FCS professionals work in a diverse array of careers, including secondary and higher education, extension and outreach, family and child agencies, and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, Family and Consumer Sciences are essential in helping families and individuals lead happy, healthy, and successful lives; FCS professionals promote values integral to creating communities of care; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase understanding and awareness of Family and Consumer Sciences across our state, ensuring the preparedness and strength of North Carolina families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 3, 2023, as **"FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES 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 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.