



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**FAMILY PHYSICIAN APPRECIATION WEEK**

**2023**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, family medicine is the largest and by far most geographically dispersed medical specialty in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, family physicians improve quality of life and health, and lower medical costs, with benefits that include reduced mortality and morbidity from cancer, heart disease, and stroke; and

**WHEREAS**, an increase to the percentage of healthcare funds spent on primary care has been shown to reduce overall health care costs and improve quality; and

**WHEREAS**, our state's family physicians bring over \$2 billion in direct economic impact to North Carolina, not counting the benefits of improved health outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, the NC Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice was chartered on April 9, 1948, and later renamed the NC Academy of Family Physicians, a constituency chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, that has grown to over 4,300 practicing family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students interested in family medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the dedication of family physicians and the contributions they make as part of the health care team to ensure delivery of more efficient and effective health care services;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 9 – 15, 2023, as “**FAMILY PHYSICIAN APPRECIATION WEEK**” 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 fifteenth day of April 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-seventh.