



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FAMILY SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the early childhood years are the most active period for the developing brain and a stable, secure relationship with a nurturing, caring adult is a key factor in the development of young children; and

WHEREAS, many parents and caregivers begin the difficult lifetime job of raising a child feeling unprepared for the challenges ahead and children have a better, healthier start when parents and caregivers have the support and skills needed to raise them; and

WHEREAS, family support can include a variety of different programs and models, including early childhood home visiting programs and parenting education programs; and

WHEREAS, family support programs help parents and caregivers meet the unique needs of their children, promote healthy development, strengthen family relationships, reduce the risk of abuse and neglect, and promote equity by providing resources to families who are furthest from opportunity; and

WHEREAS, well-trained professionals implement early childhood home visitation and parenting education so that all families have the opportunity to access information in ways that respect their unique beliefs, traditions, and customs; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina urges individuals and organizations across our state to utilize family support resources as needed to support the health and well-being of our children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February, 2023, as “**FAMILY SUPPORT AWARENESS 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 twenty-fourth day of January 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.