

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

FATHERHOOD APPRECIATION MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fathers are vital in the upbringing of their children; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is leading a kinship-first culture with local and state agencies and communities to produce better outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately one in four children live without a biological, step-, or adoptive father in the home; and

WHEREAS, research shows that a father's presence makes a positive difference in the lives of both children and mothers, as they engage with their children as caregivers, role models, playmates, teachers, nurturers, protectors, providers, and more; and

WHEREAS, fathers are pillars in the overall development of their children's emotional, physical, and social well-being as well as the overall well-being of their families; and

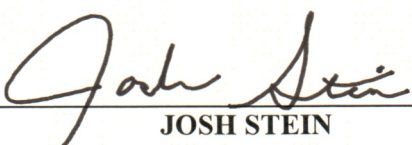
WHEREAS, research has proven the influence of a father's involvement can support school readiness and lead to positive educational outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, with fathers actively engaged, children are less vulnerable to risks such as mental illness, juvenile delinquency, youth sexual activity, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, childhood poverty, and failure to complete high school; moreover, fathers' lives are transformed when they are involved in children's lives, as they are happier, have better physical and mental health, live longer, are more active in their community, and have increased self-esteem, and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages service, civic, and religious organizations, as well as child welfare agencies, Head Start programs, courts, schools, businesses, and individuals, to join in commemorating Fatherhood Appreciation Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that recognize the importance of supporting fathers of children and youth in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2025, as "**FATHERHOOD APPRECIATION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





JOSH STEIN
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-eighth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.