

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**FIRST RESPONDERS' APPRECIATION MONTH**

**2023**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, first responders protect and aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders include 9-1-1 operators and dispatchers, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical services technicians, search and rescue teams, and other roles in the public safety sector, both professional and volunteer; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are our primary and best defense against all emergencies that threaten our communities; and

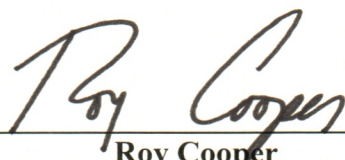
**WHEREAS**, first responders show courage and selfless concern for others as they carry out their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders risk their own safety to protect others; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are highly-trained, specialized workers who contribute their excellent skills for the public good; many first responders provide this service voluntarily for no pay; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders maintain safety and order in times of crisis, volunteer in our communities and schools, and are a vital part of every North Carolina community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2023, as "**FIRST RESPONDERS' APPRECIATION 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 eleventh day of September 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.