

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one-third of all food produced in the United States is thrown away rather than eaten, and safe and nutritious food that has been discarded could help feed the 1.2 million North Carolinians that are currently food insecure; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina prioritized addressing food waste by launching the Use the Food NC public information campaign and delivering technical assistance to food waste generators across the state; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians benefit from better utilizing food resources, and better utilization can save North Carolina households an average of \$1,500 per year; and

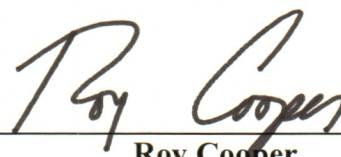
WHEREAS, North Carolina K-12 schools and universities have a special role in educating the next generation to reduce, recover, and recycle food, and can receive assistance through the Every Tray Counts program; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the opportunity to save shared resources, such as land, water, and energy, used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten; and

WHEREAS, preventing food waste is an invaluable way people and businesses across North Carolina can reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and make the best use of food grown and manufactured for human consumption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 1 – 7, 2024, as “**FOOD WASTE PREVENTION 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 twenty-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.