

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK

2025

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, nutritious food that has been discarded could help feed more than 1.2 million North Carolinians who experience food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages North Carolinians to reduce food waste and recover edible food using resources found from North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's Use the Food NC campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, all North Carolinian households can better utilize food resources and save an average of \$1,500 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina K-12 schools and universities play a vital role in educating the next generation on reducing, recovering, and recycling surplus food and food scraps; and

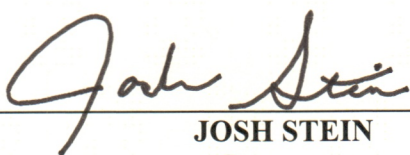
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has the opportunity to save shared resources, such as land, water, labor, and energy, used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina provides opportunities for farmers and food service establishments to sell and use traditionally unmarketable, "ugly" food, and for commercial organics recycling businesses to use inedible food scraps to create valuable soil amendments; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2025, as **"FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK"** 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-sixth day of March 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.