



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

GENDER EXPANSIVE PARENTS' DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all parents, regardless of gestational relationship to a child, gender identity, or gender expression, deserves to be celebrated for the love and nurturing they give to their children; and

WHEREAS, at least two million children in the United States have a parent that identifies as LGBTQ; more than 400,000 children have a foster parent that identifies as LGBTQ; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people are six times more likely to foster children and four times more likely to adopt children into their families; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, many of these LGBTQ parents also exist outside a traditional gender binary; and

WHEREAS, terms like non-binary, gender expansive, and agender are used to describe a spectrum of gender identities that are not exclusively masculine or feminine; and

WHEREAS, parenting for those who do not identify as mothers or fathers can be isolating due to lack of public parenting communities, adequate parenting support systems, healthcare disparities, and legal discrimination in adoption and child custody; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the work and sacrifice of non-binary, agender, and other gender expansive parents, as well as that of other non-traditional primary caregivers, is key to our efforts to create a more inclusive State; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes any supportive relationship that a child has with their parent and honors gender expansive parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 4, 2021, as "GENDER EXPANSIVE PARENTS' DAY" 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-ninth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.