

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 250,000 North Carolinians go to work each day to foreign-owned companies; the value of goods exported from North Carolina reached a record \$34.35 billion in 2019, an increase of nearly 5% over 2018, nearly 19,700 international students attend North Carolina's colleges and universities, contributing \$508.3 million to the state's economy, and more than 767,600 foreign-born residents live in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, successful global engagement requires the support of leaders from education (P-20, including public, private and community colleges); business, state, county, local government; and the community, including non-profits, who all play a critical role in advancing global engagement in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, leaders across all sectors must collaborate to maintain a seat at the global table and provide job security for our children and their children; and

WHEREAS, global engagement is the process of strategically connecting and collaborating with other peoples and nations to increase knowledge of diverse cultures and expand economic, educational, social, or political relationships and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, optimizing economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians depends on effectively engaging the rest of the world; and

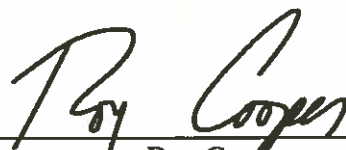
WHEREAS, North Carolina is the first state to formalize a bipartisan private and public sector partnership of leaders from a variety of industries, the NC Coalition for Global Competitiveness, to foster thought leadership and serve as a catalyst for our statewide vision for global engagement; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the first state to develop a detailed plan, the NC Blueprint for Global Engagement, to guide progress toward global engagement across all sectors such as education, business, government, and community; and

WHEREAS, global partnerships and trust are key to ending the spread and impact of COVID-19, where it will take all of us working together to end this pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2021, as "GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT 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 twentieth day of October 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.