



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 300,000 North Carolinians go to work each day in foreign-owned companies, and the value of goods exported from North Carolina reached a record \$33.4 billion in 2021, an increase of nearly 17 percent over 2020; agricultural exports surpassed \$3.5 billion in 2020, and nearly 23,000 international students attend North Carolina's colleges and universities, contributing \$713 million to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, successful global engagement requires the support of leaders in education from preschool through college, including public, private and community colleges; business; state, county, and 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 future generations; 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, and political relationships and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, improving 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 – education, business, government, and community; and

WHEREAS, global partnerships and trust are key to building a resilient future for all North Carolinians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 9, 2023, 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 thirty-first day of October 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.