

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY'S DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1936, the 74th United States Congress passed a joint congressional resolution designating the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mother's Day; and

WHEREAS, Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day honors the mothers, fathers, and families of fallen military service members; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina recognize the countless sacrifices made by our service members and their families; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to some of the finest military bases in the world, including Army Base Fort Liberty, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City, and the North Carolina National Guard; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful and acknowledge the brave men and women in uniform who died protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2023, the State of North Carolina honors and reaffirms our commitment to Gold Star Mothers and their families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their loss;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2023, as "GOLD STAR MOTHER'S AND FAMILY'S DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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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-second day of September 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.