



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## GRADUATE EDUCATION WEEK

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, graduate education encourages the discovery and creativity that are vital to the scientific, cultural, and economic development of our local, state, and global communities; and

**WHEREAS**, graduate education draws more than 60,000 North Carolina students, as well as students from across the nation and world, to our prestigious colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, our 21<sup>st</sup> century economy depends on the skills of a highly educated workforce, with many careers requiring an education level of a master's degree or beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Council of Graduate Schools, it is expected that by the end of the decade, there will be a 17 percent increase in jobs requiring a master's degree and a 13 percent increase in jobs that require a doctorate or professional degree; and

**WHEREAS**, graduate students contribute to higher education by mentoring undergraduate students, acting as teaching assistants, and supporting faculty research while also becoming experts in their chosen fields of study and pursuing their own discoveries; and

**WHEREAS**, a graduate education provides a level of expertise that prepares students as highly skilled professionals and leaders in a wide variety of fields, including the arts, humanities, sciences, teaching, law, and medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud to be home to numerous graduate programs in diverse disciplines, offering scholars a wide array of opportunities to advance their education and make lasting contributions to our state and beyond;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 20 – 24, 2024, as “**GRADUATE EDUCATION WEEK**” 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-first day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.