



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

INCLUSIVE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION DAY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, college students with and without intellectual disabilities can attend college together; and

WHEREAS, today, there are about 5,000 colleges and universities in the United States, and just over 300 have options for students with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, there are at least 15 inclusive postsecondary education options at universities and community colleges across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has committed to inclusive postsecondary education with the passage of legislation supporting scholarships and further development of inclusive postsecondary education options for students with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Postsecondary Education Alliance, the Think College National Coordinating Center, and its Inclusive Higher Education Network, have designated May 1, 2024, as Inclusive Postsecondary Education (IPSE) Day; and

WHEREAS, access to postsecondary education and training is vital to preparing individuals with disabilities for the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages students, families, and educators to join with universities, colleges, and communities around our state and nation in celebrating Inclusive Postsecondary Education Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2024, as **"INCLUSIVE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION 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 thirtieth day of April 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.