



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## INTERNATIONAL TIGER DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, tigers play a crucial role in maintaining a healthy and balanced ecosystem by regulating prey populations and contributing to the overall biodiversity of their habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, tigers face multiple threats, such as habitat loss due to deforestation, poaching for their skin, bones, and other body parts, and the impacts of climate change, which have led to a decline in their population in the wild; and

**WHEREAS**, the latest tiger assessment by the World Wildlife Fund offers hope by indicating a 40 percent increase in the global population of tigers living in the wild, with an estimated 4,500 individuals; this increase is due to conservation efforts and shows that tigers can recover if given adequate protection; and

**WHEREAS**, pet tigers and those held in unaccredited facilities suffer from substandard living conditions, poor nutrition, and lack of proper medical care; they are often exploited for entertainment or profit, leading to physical and psychological distress; and

**WHEREAS**, the passage of the Big Cat Safety Act in 2022 represents a significant step in protecting big cats and ensuring their welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, the act prohibits private ownership of big cats and bans activities like cub petting and photo ops, which lead to their exploitation and mistreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is proud to be home to organizations like Carolina Tiger Rescue, who continue to rescue neglected or abused tigers and raise public awareness about the challenges facing wild cats in captivity and the wild, including habitat loss and the illegal wildlife trade;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 29, 2023, as “**INTERNATIONAL TIGER 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 twenty-seventh day of July 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.