



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS DAY

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the proud home to more than 130 colleges and universities across the state, including 10 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and the nation's first public university; and

WHEREAS, 58 of those colleges are part of North Carolina's extensive community college system; 16 of those colleges and universities comprise the esteemed University of North Carolina system where over 240,000 students are enrolled annually; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's colleges and universities provide top tier programs in liberal arts, cultural arts, performing arts, engineering, medicine, technology, the sciences, and much more; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is widely known for highly competitive and successful collegiate sports programs, including many Olympic sports programs, and for our dedicated and enthusiastic college sports fans; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has worked for over four years on a bid to host the 2027 World University Games, the world's largest event for student athletes; and

WHEREAS, the United States International University Sports Federation (USIUSF) has selected North Carolina's University Hub as its Host City Partner in the bid for the World University Games; North Carolina, representing the United States of America, is a finalist in the international competition for the Games against the ChungCheong region of South Korea; and

WHEREAS, the International University Sports Federation (FISU) is the governing body for the World University Games, and its Executive Board will decide the winner of the 2027 FISU Games in November of this year; the FISU CEO, President, Vice President, and FISU Games Director are all currently in North Carolina to review the state's University Hub Region as part of a final evaluation to determine the bid winner; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's University Hub region, which includes Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, Cary, and Greensboro and features 19 colleges and universities with more than 260,000 students, would be an ideal location for the 2027 World University Games; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all North Carolinians to support our state's colleges and universities; we strongly encourage our visiting dignitaries from FISU and their colleagues to select the North Carolina USA Bid for the 2027 World University Games to help ensure much success for the Games, university sports around the globe, the great state of North Carolina, and FISU;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2022, as "INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS 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 twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.