

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the invaluable contributions of volunteers who selflessly dedicate their time, energy, and expertise to make our community and the world a better place; and

WHEREAS, International Volunteer Day is celebrated annually as an international observance mandated by the United Nations General Assembly since 1985; and

WHEREAS, this day pays tribute to the frontline, selfless public welfare workers who also assist the organizations in the fulfilment of formidable goals like societal, environmental, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are the heart and soul of nonprofit organizations, government agencies, community groups, academia, and the private sector, and work tirelessly towards enhancing the quality of life for our residents; the spirit of volunteerism played a crucial role throughout the COVID-19 pandemic in aiding our recovery efforts, from supporting vaccination clinics to delivering essential supplies and exemplifying the resilience and compassion of our community; and

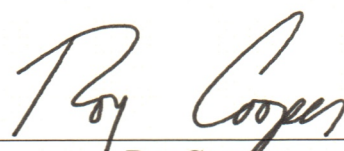
WHEREAS, according to 2022 statistics by the United Nations, the monthly number of volunteers aged 15 years of age and over amount to 862.4 million worldwide and continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, volunteers have helped our nation through some of the most impactful events in our history, providing medical care during times of war and administering aid after natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires, and more; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages residents to continue celebrating, commemorating, and reflecting today by participating, becoming a volunteer, and learning more about volunteer opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 5, 2023, as **"INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER 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 fifth day of December 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.