



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's juvenile justice system provides public safety intervention for children and youth ages 10 through 17 who are alleged or found to have committed an undisciplined or delinquent offense in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, within the Department of Public Safety, is committed to reducing and preventing juvenile wrongdoing by intervening, educating, and treating at-risk and justice-involved youth, strengthening families, and increasing public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Strategy of North Carolina's juvenile justice system allows for graduated therapeutic responses based on a youth's seriousness of risk, behavior, or crime, including history of offending, and presence or absence of family or support systems within the local community; and

WHEREAS, juvenile justice staff provide many services to youth and families, including courtroom and case management services, risk and needs assessments, referral to community programming, operation of secure custody facilities, medical, clinical, and mental health services, and educational, vocational, and life skills development; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and hard work of these Juvenile Justice professionals and community partners are critical to addressing the root causes of juvenile delinquency, creating better outcomes for at-risk and justice-involved youth, strengthening North Carolina families, and preparing committed youth to successfully reenter the community; and

WHEREAS, employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention approach this mission-driven work wholeheartedly, with passion, care, and concern for the wellbeing of others and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes Juvenile Justice Week to encourage public understanding of our juvenile justice system, and to commend the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, law enforcement partners, advocacy organizations, and all who work with children and adolescents in our juvenile justice system and their families, crime victims, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 22 – 28, 2023, as “**JUVENILE JUSTICE 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-third day of October 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.