



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**LIFE SCIENCES WEEK**

**2024**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, life sciences is a critical sector for North Carolina, generating \$88.3 billion in statewide economic activity; and

**WHEREAS**, the study and application of life sciences provides critical solutions to global challenges, such as food scarcity and the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of devastating diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2020, more than 110 life sciences companies have expanded or established a presence in North Carolina, totaling \$17B+ of investment and announcing more than 15,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the life sciences industry provides meaningful careers for more than 75,000 workers statewide, with an average annual wage of \$112,000, nearly double that of North Carolina's overall private sector workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, Life Sciences Week is an opportunity for professionals, parents, teachers, and guidance counselors to promote awareness of the excellent training and career opportunities available to North Carolinians to help create a more diverse, inclusive life sciences workforce;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16 – 20, 2024, as “**LIFE SCIENCES 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 sixteenth day of September 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-ninth.