



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford, in Oxford, North Carolina, formerly known as Oxford Orphanage and Oxford Orphan Asylum, is our state's first and oldest children's home; and

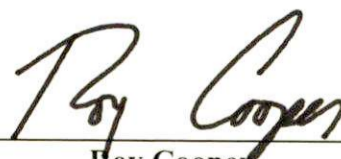
WHEREAS, from its opening with the arrival of three children on February 13, 1873, the Home has nurtured some 11,000 children and prepared them for better lives; and

WHEREAS, through the generous support of North Carolina's Freemasons, alumni of the Home, and members of the community, the Home continues to lift new generations through its focus on academic success, vocational education, spiritual development, recreation, responsibility and respect; and

WHEREAS, while the Home will observe its 150th anniversary on February 13, 2023, it is looking ahead, and continually finding new ways to serve children and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2023, as "**MASONIC HOME FOR CHILDREN AT OXFORD 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 thirteenth day of February 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-seventh.