



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to approximately 41,000 spouses of active-duty soldiers, and approximately 19,000 spouses of National Guard and reserve soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the spouses and families of our service members make sacrifices along with their loved ones to help protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the spouses of our military members remain steadfast, raising their families and maintaining their homes while their loved ones defend our nation's values against our adversaries; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the most military friendly state in the nation, offering spouse employment preference to the spouse or dependent of a deceased or disabled veteran; the state legislature has worked diligently to expedite occupational licensure for military-trained and military spouses; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes the selflessness of these military spouses and the debt of gratitude we owe for their contributions to and leadership in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the success of many of our brave service members depends on the support of their military spouses whose resolve, sacrifice, and dedication exhibit the best of what it means to be a North Carolinian;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2023, as **"MILITARY SPOUSE APPRECIATION 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 ninth day of May 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.