



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; and

WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology by providing access to computers, broadband internet, hotspots, and trainings that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement, as well as new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their resources, services, and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities, both in person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, libraries strive to ensure equity of access for all by developing and maintaining programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and

WHEREAS, libraries are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social change, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the state of North Carolina and beyond to celebrate National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 7 – 13, 2024, as “**NATIONAL LIBRARY 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-seventh day of March 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-eighth.