



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY**

**2023**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, National Read Across America Day, established by the National Education Association and now marking its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 2, 2023, highlights and celebrates reading; and

**WHEREAS**, this day is celebrated across America each year, and aims to promote and celebrate reading through special activities and events that showcase the importance of literacy programs that empower and help children, teens, and adults get excited about reading and build a nation of readers; and

**WHEREAS**, ProLiteracy estimates 43 million adults in the United States cannot read, write, or do basic math at about a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level; 14 percent of the adult population cannot read, and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is committed to increasing literacy by promoting and supporting literacy programs across our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2023, as “**NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA 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 twenty-seventh 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.