



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a strong history of improving lives, strengthening communities, and making our state a better place through volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, during National Volunteer Week, we celebrate the impact of volunteer service and come together to tackle community needs and foster a culture of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, volunteer service is needed now more than ever as communities diligently work to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, volunteers have dedicated countless hours to meeting the critical needs of North Carolinians and helping individuals survive and recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, state employees, led by the North Carolina Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, will work to enhance quality of life for North Carolinians through volunteer and community service; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week was enacted in 1974 by President Richard Nixon to celebrate the spirit of volunteerism, urging all Americans to seek opportunities to provide service to their community; and

WHEREAS, the federal agency AmeriCorps engages millions of people each year in service nationwide through programs and volunteer generation grants; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina residents are encouraged to learn about local volunteer opportunities, volunteer centers around the state, and volunteer recognition at VolunteerNC.org; and

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week should serve as a catalyst for residents to serve our state today; to commit to volunteer by signing up now for a volunteer slot with a food bank, disaster recovery workday, in a school and more; to promote volunteerism in our families and communities through an invitation to serve together; and to be all in for North Carolina when it is needed most;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 16 – 22, 2023, as “**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER 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 twelfth day of April 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.