



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA HIDDEN HEROES MONTH**

**2022**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the series of wars and conflicts in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and Veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings, and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, the daily tasks of these military and Veteran caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing, and caring for the grievous injuries of wounded warriors; they also administer medications, provide emotional support, care for the family and home, and work outside of the home to earn essential income; and

**WHEREAS**, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill, and injured Veterans and service members through public, private, and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

**WHEREAS**, most military and Veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers; and

**WHEREAS**, an alarming number of military and Veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical, and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of North Carolina desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2022, as "**HIDDEN HEROES MONTH**" and call upon all North Carolinians to honor these caregivers with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



  
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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-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.