



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY**

**2022**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, 2022 marks the 54th Anniversary of the global Special Olympics movement, with the first International Special Olympics Games being held on July 20, 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois; with North Carolina having a delegation of athletes and coaches participate; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics' vision for a more inclusive world has grown over these 54 years to become a global movement for change and social justice that uses sport, health, and education to empower people with and without intellectual disabilities around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, with more than 5 million participants from more than 170 countries and including over 900 athletes from North Carolina, Special Olympics is the global leader in providing continuing opportunities through sports for people with intellectual disabilities to realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, and experience joy and friendship; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics builds communities of understanding, inclusion, and respect, believing that when people Play Unified they will Live Unified leading to an end to discrimination against people with intellectual disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, after two years of not having Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games because of the pandemic, from June 3 – 5, 2022, we celebrate the return of the annual Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games; and

**WHEREAS**, from June 5 – 12, 2022, the State of North Carolina congratulates Special Olympics North Carolina for sending a delegation of 100 to compete in the Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Florida;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 3, 2022, as "NORTH CAROLINA SPECIAL OLYMPICS DAY" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 third day of June 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.