

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA SUMMER LEARNING WEEK

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Summer Learning Week is a time to reflect on the importance of keeping young people learning, safe, and healthy every summer, ensuring they return to school ready to succeed in the year ahead; and

WHEREAS, the ability to read by third grade is proven to help children attain a lifetime of academic and professional success, and summer learning loss can present a barrier to third grade reading achievement; and

WHEREAS, parents can help promote academic success by reading with their children and encouraging them to read independently throughout school breaks; and

WHEREAS, summer learning programs are proven to maintain and advance students' academic and social/emotional growth, keep children safe and healthy during the summer, and send young people back to school ready to learn; and

WHEREAS, a wide array of public agencies, community and faith-based organizations, schools, libraries, museums, recreation centers, camps, and businesses contribute to the well-being of youth through summer programs and offer a trusted role in the education and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with business and community partners there is an opportunity to provide older youth with opportunities to gain real world experience and skills through summer youth employment, work-based learning, and volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all students, parents, and caregivers to champion summer learning to support academic achievement for every child in our state;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 10 – 14, 2023, as "**NORTH CAROLINA SUMMER LEARNING WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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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 seventh day of July 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-eighth.