



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF

THE EQUALITY NORTH CAROLINA'S 45th ANNIVERSARY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Equality North Carolina is the oldest statewide organization in the country dedicated to securing rights and protections for the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Equality North Carolina began in 1979, when seven individuals with varying backgrounds came together to form the North Carolina Human Rights Fund with the goal of creating a more just and equitable world for folks facing threats to life and safety from their government and communities; and

WHEREAS, over the last 45 years, Equality North Carolina has been a leader in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, combatting harmful anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and supporting the creation of safe and secure spaces for LGBTQ+ North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community continues to face challenges every day in order to live as their authentic selves in North Carolina and across the world; and

WHEREAS, Equality North Carolina staff, volunteers and partners are dedicated to creating a community where LGBTQ+ people will be secure in living their authentic lives with no threat of retribution or harm;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2024, as **"IN RECOGNITION OF THE EQUALITY NORTH CAROLINA'S 45th ANNIVERSARY"** 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-third day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.