

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK**

**2024**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, school social workers are mental health professionals who provide students and families with services related to social, emotional, and life adjustments to school and society; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers are specifically trained and qualified to identify barriers to learning and achievement, and develop and implement strategies to address and eliminate these barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers help students achieve increased success, improve interpersonal relationships, cope with crisis situations, learn problem-solving skills, improve attendance, and build self-esteem; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers promote the academic mission of schools by fostering educational environments that are safe; have supportive, fair, and responsive policies; and emphasize early intervention and positive behavioral interventions; and

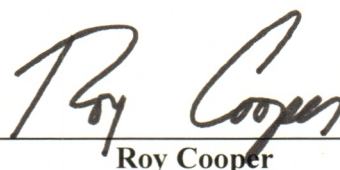
**WHEREAS**, school social workers are trained to understand risk factors and warning signs of violent behaviors, aid in the prevention of school violence, and provide much needed services and support after a crisis has occurred; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper has proclaimed 2024 the “*Year of Public Schools*,” underscoring their importance in our society, and recognizing that school social workers provide the vital link between the home, school, and community, offering essential support services that can make a positive impact on students' lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud to recognize the importance of social work in our schools and commends the school social workers throughout our state who are working to support our children;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 3 – 9, 2024, as “**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK**” 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 fourth day of March 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-eighth.