

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

**AND**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY**

**2024**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's children are the future of our state, and teachers are essential to the success of that future; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers open students' minds to ideas, knowledge, and opportunities and can change the lives of millions of children every day; and

**WHEREAS**, teachers are essential to empowering families and communities to support our children and contribute to the growth and progress of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, our state is only as strong as our students' ability to reach their academic potential, an impossible goal without the diligence, patience, and dedication of every teacher in every classroom in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is facing a teacher pipeline crisis, jeopardizing the education entitled to children across the state; educators deserve to be paid and supported like the professionals they are, and we must make strong investments in our teachers to secure a strong future for our state for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Roy Cooper has declared 2024 as the Year of Public Schools in North Carolina, underscoring our public schools' importance to our state's prosperity and our future, and recognizing that teachers are the most important factor in student success and their work has a lasting impact that extends far beyond the classroom; and

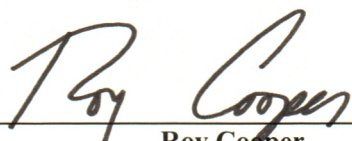
**WHEREAS**, we recognize teachers' countless sacrifices and hours spent planning, counseling, instructing, coaching, evaluating, and caring for their students in and outside the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, National Teacher Day was first celebrated by congressional declaration in March of 1980, and was moved and extended to the first full week of May by the National PTA and NEA Representative Assembly in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina joins in honoring teachers and will continue our commitment to support our teachers and public schools today and every day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 6 – 10, 2024, as "**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**" and May 7, 2024, as "**TEACHER APPRECIATION 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 sixth day of May 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.