

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**WARREN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ENGAGEMENT DAY**

**2022**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, forty years ago, the people of Warren County and allies from across the country gathered to peacefully protest the disposal of Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) laden soil into its community; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout several weeks of nonviolent protest, more than 500 people were arrested in this cause, and due to these courageous actions, Warren County is nationally recognized as the birthplace of the modern Environmental Justice Movement; and

**WHEREAS**, this collective effort served as the catalyst that sparked a national movement to advance Environmental Justice across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Environmental Justice is defined as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies; and

**WHEREAS**, communities of color, tribal and indigenous communities, and low-income communities, historically and currently, bear a disproportionate share of adverse environmental impacts with accompanying adverse health impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, all North Carolinians have the right to live, work, and play in clean, safe, and healthy communities; and

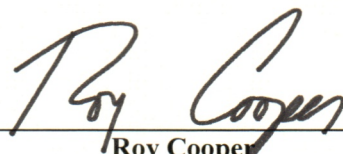
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina shares responsibility and is committed to protecting the well-being, health, and prosperity of all its residents and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, building on the efforts in Warren County, North Carolina continues to be a leader in the environmental justice movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooper administration has directed all cabinet agencies to consider environmental justice when taking actions related to climate change, resilience, and clean energy; to improve communication and transparency with the public, particularly with underserved communities; and to engage advocates and stakeholders to advance an equitable clean energy economy;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2022, as “**WARREN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL ENGAGEMENT 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 sixteenth day of September 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-eighth.