



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD WISH DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish[®] was founded by family and friends of 7-year-old Chris Greicius, who received his wish to be a police officer on April 29, 1980; and

WHEREAS, the organization now known as Make-A-Wish has granted more than 500,000 wishes worldwide, operating in every community in the United States and in nearly 50 other countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the founding members of Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina and Make-A-Wish Central & Western North Carolina brought the mission of creating life-changing wishes for children ages 2 ½ to 18 years old with critical illnesses to our state in 1985; and

WHEREAS, combined, Make-A-Wish Eastern North Carolina and Make-A-Wish Central & Western North Carolina have granted nearly 10,000 wishes in our state over the last 37 years, delivering hope and joy to children with critical illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Make-A-Wish seeks to bring every eligible child's wish to life; fulfilling a wish is an integral part of a child's treatment journey, replacing fear with confidence, anxiety with hope, and sadness with joy; and

WHEREAS, World Wish Day celebrates the day the Make-A-Wish Foundation was created and recognizes the life-changing impact of a granted wish for children and their families, and the work of the local chapters in our region; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2023, as **"WORLD WISH DAY"** 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-first day of April 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-seventh.