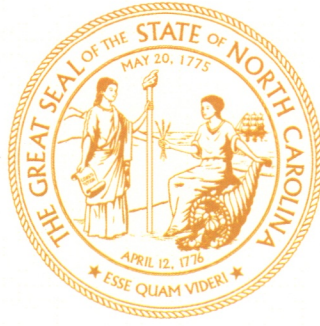




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 142,000 jobs in North Carolina are supported by exports; goods exported from North Carolina reached a record \$43.9 billion in 2025; and agricultural exports surpassed \$4.5 billion in 2024; and

WHEREAS, more than 347,000 North Carolinians go to work each day for foreign-owned companies; and more than 26,000 international students attend North Carolina's colleges and universities, contributing \$886 million to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, successful global engagement requires the support of leaders from education – P-20, including public, private, and community colleges – business, and state, county, and local governments, along with communities, including nonprofits, which all play critical roles in advancing global engagement in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, leaders across all sectors must collaborate to maintain a seat at the global table and provide job security for our children and their children; and

WHEREAS, global engagement is the process of strategically connecting and collaborating with other peoples and nations to increase knowledge of diverse cultures and expand economic, educational, social, or political relationships and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, optimizing economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians depends on effectively engaging the rest of the world; and

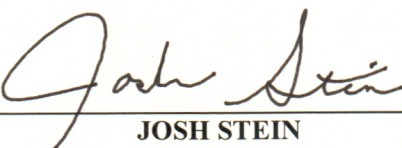
WHEREAS, North Carolina is the first state to formalize a bipartisan private and public sector partnership of leaders from a variety of industries, the NC Coalition for Global Competitiveness, to foster thought leadership and serve as a catalyst for our statewide vision for global engagement; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the first state to develop a detailed plan, the NC Blueprint for Global Engagement, to guide progress toward global engagement across all sectors – education, business, government, and community; and

WHEREAS, global partnerships and trust are essential to building a resilient future for all North Carolinians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 5, 2026, as “**GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT DAY**” in North Carolina and commend its observance.




JOSH STEIN
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-sixth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifty-first.