State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, hunger and homelessness continue to affect individual people and families throughout North Carolina, including children, older adults, veterans, people with disabilities, working families, and others who may face unexpected hardship or barriers to stable housing and adequate nutrition; and

WHEREAS, access to nutritious food and safe, stable housing are fundamental to the health, dignity, well-being, and opportunity of every North Carolinian; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity and homelessness are often interconnected with challenges involving physical and behavioral health, transportation, employment, disability, rising costs, and limited access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, throughout North Carolina, faith communities, nonprofit organizations, food banks and food pantries, shelters, community organizations, businesses, government agencies, and countless volunteers work tirelessly to provide food, shelter, support, hope, and pathways toward stability for those in need; and

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina have a proud tradition of neighbors helping neighbors and communities coming together to respond with compassion, generosity, innovation, and service; and

WHEREAS, increasing public awareness of hunger and homelessness can encourage greater understanding, strengthen partnerships, inspire volunteerism, support community-based solutions, and help ensure that individual people and families facing hardship are treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, November provides an opportunity for communities across North Carolina to recognize those who experience hunger and homelessness, honor those who serve them, and renew our shared commitment to building stronger communities in which every person has the opportunity to live with security, health, dignity, and hope;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as **"HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS MONTH"** 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.