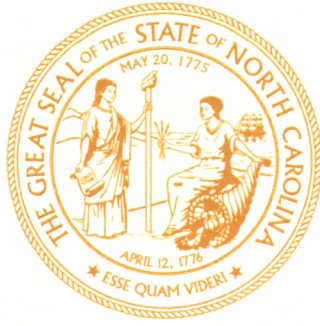




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's juvenile justice system provides public safety interventions for children and youths who are alleged or found to have committed an undisciplined or delinquent offense in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, within the Department of Public Safety, is committed to reducing and preventing juvenile crime by intervening, educating and treating at-risk and justice-involved youths, strengthening families, and increasing public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Strategy of North Carolina's juvenile justice system allows for graduated therapeutic responses based on a young person's seriousness of risks, needs, strengths, behavior, or crime; history of offending; and presence or absence of his or her family or support systems within the local community; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention seeks to provide appropriate supports and services for youths at every stage of the juvenile justice process, from those who have demonstrated at-risk behaviors to those who are court-involved and from those who have been placed in detention or committed to a youth development center to those who are ready to reenter the community; and

WHEREAS, juvenile justice staff provide many services to youths and families, including courtroom and case management services, risk and needs assessments, referral to community programming, operation of secure custody facilities, reentry services, medical, clinical, and mental health services, and educational, vocational, and life skills development; and

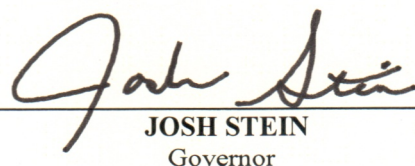
WHEREAS, the commitment of these juvenile justice professionals and community partners is critical to addressing the root causes of juvenile delinquency, creating better outcomes for at-risk and justice-involved youths, strengthening North Carolina families, and preparing committed youths to successfully reenter the community; and

WHEREAS, employees of the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention approach this mission-driven work with passion, care, and concern for the well-being of others and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes Juvenile Justice Week to encourage public understanding of our juvenile justice system and to commend the Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, law enforcement partners, advocacy organizations, and all who work with children and adolescents in our juvenile justice system, their families, crime victims, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 11 – 17, 2026, as **"JUVENILE JUSTICE WEEK"** 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 fifth 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.