

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2025, the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons recorded 13,195 missing persons reports, including 7,903 reports involving children, 96 percent of whom were safely located and returned; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons serves as the state's central resource for missing children and adults, working in partnership with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and providing training and investigative support statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Center maintains a comprehensive database, serves as an interstate liaison for missing persons cases, and administers the North Carolina AMBER Alert, Missing Endangered Alert, and Blue Alert systems; and

WHEREAS, the AMBER Alert system has contributed to the safe recovery of 1,268 children nationwide since its inception, including 14 activations in North Carolina during 2025; and

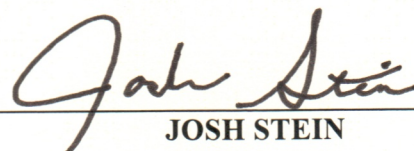
WHEREAS, families and communities play a vital role in preventing child abductions through education, awareness, and open communication about safety at home, school, and online; and

WHEREAS, immediate reporting to law enforcement is critical when a child is missing, as time is a decisive factor in successful recovery; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons joins the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children each year in observing National Missing Children's Day and the National Missing Children's Poster Contest;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2026, as "**MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





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-eighth day of April 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 fiftieth.