State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2.1 million North Carolina caregivers provide a total of 1.7 billion hours of unpaid care valued at $33 billion; and

WHEREAS, 79,605 North Carolina grandparents are responsible for grandchildren under age 18; and North Carolina's caregivers remain diverse in their characteristics and circumstances but share the common goal of keeping a family member or friend in their community of choice; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Aging, North Carolina Area Agencies on Aging, local providers, and many other organizations are committed to increasing awareness and meeting caregivers' needs; and the North Carolina Caregiving Workforce Strategic Leadership Council was launched in 2022 and in 2025 reaffirmed its commitment to strengthen the state's caregiving workforce, which provides additional support for family caregivers across North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, helping North Carolina's family caregivers obtain access and utilize support including respite services can protect a family caregiver's health, strengthen family relationships, and enable a care recipient to remain at home; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to acknowledge and support family, friends, and neighbors who help those who are aging or have disabilities because it not only is the right thing to do but also is an essential investment in a better future for North Carolina's older adults and people with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as **"NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER 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.