



# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY**

**2026**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 1953, an American medical scientist, Dr. Jonas Salk, announced he had developed a vaccine against a devastating disease called polio; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates the polio vaccine has prevented an estimated 20 million cases of paralysis and saved more than 1.5 million lives worldwide since 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, science has brought humanity vaccines, antibiotics, surgery, sanitation, increased agricultural yields, pasteurization, safe drinking water, cleaner air, and thousands of other interventions and processes that have doubled the human lifespan in little more than a century; and

**WHEREAS**, people globally and in North Carolina have experienced longer and healthier lives, greater convenience and comfort, and enhanced prosperity due to the benefits of science; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina invites residents to show their appreciation for our many workers statewide in the fields of research, technology, science education, and medicine; and

**WHEREAS**, residents are encouraged to reflect on and share how scientific advances have bettered their lives and those of their loved ones;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2026, as “**NATIONAL SCIENCE APPRECIATION DAY**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



  
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**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 second day of March 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.