State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH CIVIC LEADERSHIP DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, youth across North Carolina are increasingly engaged in civic learning, student leadership, and community service initiatives that strengthen democratic participation; and

WHEREAS, informed and active civic participation among young people contributes to stronger schools, safer communities, and a more resilient and engaged state; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for students to engage in public issues, volunteer service, debate, and leadership development help cultivate critical thinking, empathy, and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, schools, youth organizations, and community programs across North Carolina play vital roles in providing platforms for civic education, leadership training, and service learning; and

WHEREAS, encouraging youth participation in civic life helps ensure that future generations are prepared to address complex social, economic, and environmental challenges facing the state; and

WHEREAS, recognizing youth civic engagement highlights the importance of collaboration between students, educators, families, and community leaders in strengthening democratic values and participation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor and support the contributions of young people who dedicate their time and energy to improving their communities through service and leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2026, as **"NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH CIVIC LEADERSHIP DAY"** 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.