

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**FAMILY SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH**

**2022**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the early childhood years are the most active period for establishing the neural connections that make up brain architecture, and a stable, secure relationship with a nurturing, caring adult is a key factor in young children's development; and

**WHEREAS**, many parents and caregivers begin the difficult lifetime job of raising a child feeling unprepared for the challenges ahead and children have a better, healthier start when parents and caregivers have the support and skills needed to raise them; and

**WHEREAS**, family support programs promote equity by providing resources to families who are furthest from opportunity; and


**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to put an increased burden on parents and families, with worries about health, job loss, childcare, education, economic security, and social isolation contributing to stress and anxiety in the home; and

**WHEREAS**, well-trained professionals implement early childhood home visiting and parenting education so that all families have the opportunity to access information in ways that respect their unique beliefs, traditions, and customs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina urges individuals and organizations across our state to utilize family support resources as needed to support the health and well-being of our children and families;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2022, as "FAMILY SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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Roy Cooper  
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 January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.