

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, every day in North Carolina, more than 10,000 school buses safely transport more than 620,000 students to and from school; and

**WHEREAS**, without school buses and school bus drivers, many public school students would not have safe, reliable transportation to and from school; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the use of school buses saves over 65 million gallons of fuel statewide each year, compared to that required by individual family cars; and

**WHEREAS**, school bus drivers travel millions of miles each school year, navigating rural roads, neighborhood streets, and multi-lane highways to deliver students to their schools and homes safely; and

**WHEREAS**, weather and road conditions, student passengers, and other motorists can create special challenges to drivers as they carry out their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, many school districts are facing bus driver shortages that make it harder for the current drivers to do their jobs and that underscore the important role drivers have in student success; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina salutes and appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student safety and well-being; and

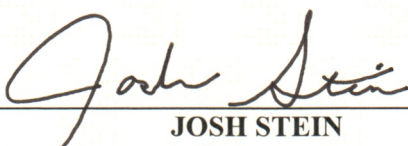
**WHEREAS**, the National Association for Pupil Transportation's "Love the Bus" month is celebrated in North Carolina during the month of February; and

**WHEREAS**, our bus drivers are often the very first and last school employee to support students, providing a positive impact to students as they begin and end each day; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages residents to "Love the Bus" and to recognize the excellence of our state's school bus drivers and their strong record of safety;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 10 – 14, 2025, as “**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 fourth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.