

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

KINSHIP CARE MONTH

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a growing number of children in North Carolina are living in kinship care with grandparents, other relatives, or close family friends, often referred to as fictive kin; and

WHEREAS, relatives and fictive kin residing in urban, rural, and suburban households in every county of North Carolina have stepped forward out of love and loyalty to care for children during times in which biological parents are unable to do so; and

WHEREAS, kinship caregivers provide safety, promote wellbeing, and establish stable households for vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, kinship care enables a child to maintain family relationships and cultural heritage, and remain in their local community; and

WHEREAS, kinship care is a statewide resource that provides loving homes for children at risk; and

WHEREAS, kinship caregivers face daunting challenges to keep countless children from entering foster homes in North Carolina; and

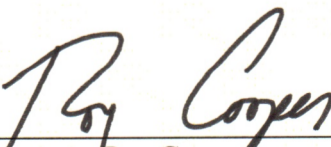
WHEREAS, kinship care families in North Carolina, where a child is raised by grandparents, other relatives, or fictive kin, should be recognized for providing loving homes for children; and

WHEREAS, Kinship Care Month provides an opportunity to urge people in North Carolina to join in celebrating kinship caregiving families and the tradition of families helping raise children in our state; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done to ensure that all children have a safe, loving, nurturing, and permanent family regardless of age, circumstances, or special needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2020, as **"KINSHIP CARE MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





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 thirty-first day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.