State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FATHERHOOD AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fathers are vital in the upbringing of their children and to their healthy development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, research shows that a father’s involvement can lead to positive educational outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, with fathers actively engaged, children are less vulnerable to mental illness, juvenile delinquency, youth sexual activity, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, childhood poverty, and failure to complete high school; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 1 in 4 children live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in the home; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is leading a Kinship First Culture with local and state agencies and communities to produce better outcomes for children; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages service, civic, and religious organizations, as well as child welfare agencies, courts, schools, businesses, and individuals to join in commemorating Fatherhood Awareness Month with appropriate ceremonies and activities that recognize the importance of supporting fathers of children and youth in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June, 2023, as “FATHERHOOD AWARENESS MONTH” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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 first day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.