



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, rehabilitation counselors are vital to the well-being of North Carolina's citizens, providing services and support to increase the independence, self-sufficiency, and active community participation of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation counselors assess an individual's needs; provide counseling, guidance, and support; and build a partnership to develop customized rehabilitation plans and programs; this process is vital for those who need rehabilitation counseling services in order to achieve their employment and independent living goals; and

WHEREAS, professional organizations that offer rehabilitation counseling services also promote the improvement of these programs through research and quality education for counselors; and

WHEREAS, some organizations have advocated for required education, training, and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1983, the president of the National Council on Rehabilitation Education provided testimony before the United States Congress bringing attention to the need for qualified rehabilitation counselors; these efforts led to the enactment of laws that now require rehabilitation counselors to have proper credentials so they may provide a higher level of quality care to those in need of their services;

WHEREAS, rehabilitation counselors, and the organizations supporting the elevation of their profession, are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to individuals in need of rehabilitation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2018, as "REHABILITATION COUNSELORS APPRECIATION DAY" 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 twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.