State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

COUNSELING AWARENESS MONTH
2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, licensed professional counselors in North Carolina assist individuals, groups, and families by evaluating and treating mental disorders and other conditions through a combination of clinical mental health and human development principles; and

WHEREAS, through treatment, counselors develop an understanding of personal problems, define goals, and plan action reflecting their clients' interests, abilities, and mental health needs in relation to social concerns, educational progress, and professional development; and

WHEREAS, professional counselors can be found in a variety of settings, including primary and secondary schools, colleges, hospitals, mental health agencies, rehabilitation centers, private practice offices, and more; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, careers in substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counseling are growing much faster than average, with an estimated 25 percent increase expected between 2019 and 2029; and

WHEREAS, professional counselors are crucial in our ongoing efforts to treat and understand mental health; their important work has supported many people through some of their most difficult times and saved countless lives; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes and commends the role that professional counselors play in making the residents of our state healthier and more capable of managing their mental health challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2021, as "COUNSELING 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 ninth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.

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Roy Cooper
Governor