



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT DAY**

**2024**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, more than 1.2 million jobs in North Carolina are supported by trade, representing 20.2 percent of all jobs in the state; goods exported from North Carolina reached a record value of \$42.2 billion in 2023, and agricultural exports surpassed \$4.5 billion in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 300,000 North Carolinians go to work each day in foreign-owned companies; more than 23,000 international students attend North Carolina's colleges and universities, contributing \$816 million to the state's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, successful global engagement requires the support of leaders in education from preschool through college, including public, private and community colleges; business, state, county, and local government, and the community, including non-profits, also play a critical role in advancing global engagement in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, leaders across all sectors must collaborate to maintain a seat at the global table and provide job security for our children and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, global engagement is the process of strategically connecting and collaborating with other peoples and nations to increase knowledge of diverse cultures and expand economic, educational, social, and political relationships and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, optimizing economic well-being and quality of life for all North Carolinians depends on effectively engaging the rest of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is the first state to formalize a bipartisan private and public sector partnership of leaders from a variety of industries, the NC Coalition for Global Competitiveness, to foster thought leadership and serve as a catalyst for our statewide vision for global engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is the first state to develop a detailed plan, the NC Blueprint for Global Engagement, to guide progress toward global engagement across all sectors – education, business, government, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, global partnerships and trust are key to building a resilient future for all North Carolinians;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2024, as **"GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT 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 thirty-first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.