



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL CO-RESPONDER AND CRISIS RESPONDER WEEK

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, cities and counties around North Carolina have worked to address the rising demand for mental health and substance use services; and

WHEREAS, mental health and substance use challenges can lead to homelessness, incarceration, and emergency room visits, which are more intrusive and costly for communities than earlier interventions and connections to behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, these cities and counties of North Carolina have recognized the need for additional resources for individuals experiencing mental health crises and identified co-responders and alternative response models as an emerging, effective practice; and

WHEREAS, the co-responders and crisis responders work collaboratively with traditional first responders to assist individuals in crisis, providing the right intervention at the right time to avoid arrests, emergency room visits, and repeat 911 calls by connecting to appropriate resources; and

WHEREAS, these teams work to provide connections to appropriate resources like counseling, medication, housing, and other basic necessities, further reducing the need for unnecessary first responder interactions and hospitalizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16 – 20, 2024, as “**NATIONAL CO-RESPONDER AND CRISIS RESPONDER WEEK**” 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 tenth day of September 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.