

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF

THE LAURINBURG INSTITUTE 120<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the historic Laurinburg Institute, in Laurinburg, North Carolina, is celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> year in operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Institute has served for over a century as a beacon of higher learning and opportunity in the Sandhills region of North Carolina and beyond; and

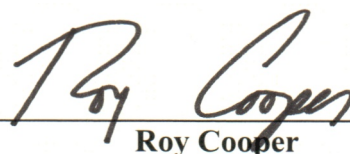
**WHEREAS**, the Institute has pioneered progress in North Carolina as the first secondary education institute for African American students in Scotland County and surrounding areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Institute has brought recognition to the State of North Carolina through generations of internationally renowned alumni and works; and

**WHEREAS**, through its accomplishments since 1904, the Laurinburg Institute has fulfilled its mission of "Deeds Not Words," as well as the North Carolina motto, "To be rather than to seem";

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2024, as a day "**IN RECOGNITION OF THE LAURINBURG INSTITUTE 120<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**" 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.