



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

REENTRY WEEK

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the vast majority of people currently serving sentences in North Carolina prisons and jails will transition into communities throughout the state when they leave incarceration; and

WHEREAS, formerly incarcerated individuals face numerous challenges that include finding work, housing, health care, and transportation, which can lead to recidivism, health, safety, and social concerns; and

WHEREAS, federal, state, and local leaders recognize these challenges and are working on policies and programs focused on removing the barriers that prevent formerly incarcerated people from pursuing healthy and productive lives when they return to communities after serving time in prison or jail; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 the North Carolina General Assembly established the State Reentry Council Collaborative (SRCC) aimed at studying the needs of people recently released from incarceration and increasing the effectiveness of local reentry councils; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's 2018 Reentry Action Plan reflects the State's goal to facilitate the successful transition from incarceration or community supervision back into communities by coordinating reentry planning initiatives, identifying resource gaps, and supporting individuals with criminal records; and

WHEREAS, local reentry councils, community and faith-based organizations, and others across North Carolina play key roles in providing resources for formerly incarcerated people; and

WHEREAS, the first North Carolina Reentry Summit was held on March 12, 2019, and provided an opportunity for advocates, individuals, and community and faith-based organizations to learn about strategies for supporting people returning from prison by working with them to overcome challenges related to employment, safe and stable housing, health care, education, transportation, and other barriers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 22 – 26, 2019, as **"REENTRY 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 second day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.