State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ninety-eight percent of the 9,923 missing children reported to the North Carolina Center for Missing Persons last year were returned safely to their families; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons activated the AMBER Alert system seven times in 2014 and each child was recovered quickly and safely; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons only activates the N.C. AMBER Alert system when a child is believed to be abducted by a stranger or in danger of injury or death; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons maintains an extensive computer database and serves as a statewide resource center for information on missing children; and

WHEREAS, the Center serves as liaison between states and various governmental agencies when child abductions cross state lines; and

WHEREAS, if a child is missing, his or her family needs to file a missing persons report immediately with local law enforcement because time is a critical factor; and

WHEREAS, families can take steps to prevent child abductions by knowing where their children play, who their friends are and talking with them about their safety at home, at school, on the Internet and on social media sites; and

WHEREAS, both children and parents should be aware of the dangers of electronically posting identifying information or photos that strangers can access; and

WHEREAS, when a person of any age is missing and believed to be suffering from dementia or a cognitive impairment, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons activates the Silver Alert system as it did last year 358 times out of the total of 14,256 missing persons cases; and

WHEREAS, the N.C. Center for Missing Persons works closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, home care providers and assisted living facilities, and offers training programs on AMBER and Silver Alert systems; and

WHEREAS, each year the N.C. Center for Missing Persons joins the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in observing National Missing Children's Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2015, as "**MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY**" 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 twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

PAT McCRORY
Governor