State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

SAFER SCHOOLS WEEK

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our schools make substantial contributions to the future of North Carolina and to the development of our state and nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, healthy and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students, teachers and school staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, and distractions such as substance abuse, gangs, bullying, poor discipline, vandalism and absenteeism in our schools; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by helping to ensure fair and effective discipline, recognize behavioral and developmental challenges, promote good citizenship, and generally make school safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, all leaders, especially those in education, law enforcement, mental health, government and business should eagerly collaborate with each other and the North Carolina Center for Safer Schools to focus public attention on school safety and identify, develop and promote both innovative and evidence-based answers to these critical issues; and

WHEREAS, numerous schools and local education agencies throughout the state, along with national programs, are among those innovative answers; and

WHEREAS, the observance of America's Safe Schools Week will substantially promote efforts to provide our state's schools with positive and safe learning climates;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2014, as "**SAFER SCHOOLS WEEK**" 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 ninth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

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Governor