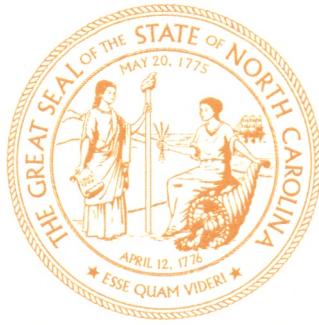




# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**IN RECOGNITION OF  
THE NATIONAL CAPITAL OF THE EASTERN BLUEBIRD**

**2024**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Audubon Society, in the past, the Eastern Bluebird population has declined in many areas with loss of habitat and loss of nesting sites, but during recent decades it has increased again, undoubtedly helped by birdhouses in many areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Frank Newell, a native of Warrenton, North Carolina and recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award, along with his daughter Kristye Steed and son-in-law Anthony Steed founded the Eastern Bluebird Rescue Group, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Bluebird Rescue Group consists of approximately 20 volunteers, constructing over 500,000 bluebird houses in an effort to restore populations of the Eastern Bluebird; and

**WHEREAS**, Warrenton and Warren County are believed to have the largest concentration and population of Eastern Bluebirds in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of the Town of Warrenton to support conservation efforts that protect and preserve native wildlife, particularly the Eastern Bluebird; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages residents to continue to preserve the beautiful wildlife in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2024, as a day **"IN RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL OF THE EASTERN BLUEBIRD"** 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 April 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-eighth.