State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day in North Carolina, over 13,000 school buses carry more than 790,000 students to and from school; and

WHEREAS, without school buses and school bus drivers, many public school students would not have safe, reliable transportation to and from school; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the use of school buses saves over 65 million gallons of fuel statewide each year, compared to that required by individual family cars; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers travel thousands of miles each school year, navigating rural roads, neighborhood streets and multi-lane highways to deliver students to their schools and homes safely; and

WHEREAS, weather and road conditions, student passengers and other motorists can create special challenges to drivers as they carry out their duties; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina salutes and appreciates school bus drivers and recognizes the invaluable contributions they make to public education and student safety; and
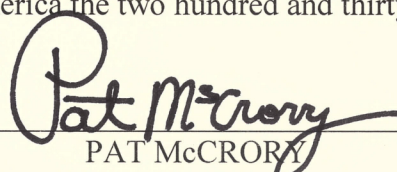
WHEREAS, the American School Bus Council's "Love the Bus" week is celebrated in North Carolina during the week of Valentine's Day; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages citizens to "LOVE THE BUS" and to recognize the excellence of our state's school bus drivers and their good record of safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 10-14, 2014, as **"SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION 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 eighth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

PAT McCRORY
Governor