

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every school day in North Carolina more than 13,000 school buses carry over 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, the use of school buses saves over 65 million gallons of fuel statewide each year compared to what would be required by individual family cars; and

WHEREAS, school bus drivers travel thousands of miles navigating dirt roads, bypasses and multi-lane highways, to deliver students to their schools and homes safely; and

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

WHEREAS, the breadth and scope of that responsibility is great, compared to the compensation that often is provided; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians believe it is important to salute and appreciate school bus drivers and recognize the invaluable contributions they make to education and student safety; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to join the American School Bus Council in recognizing the week of Valentine's Day as *Love the Bus Week*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 13-17, 2012, as "**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK**" in North Carolina, and urge our citizens to recognize the excellence of our state's school bus drivers and their record of safety.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

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 thirteenth day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-sixth.