

About Governor Roy Cooper of North Carolina

Governor Roy Cooper was born and raised in Nash County, North Carolina where he attended public schools and worked summers on the family farm before earning undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He practiced law for 18 years in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where he and his wife Kristin raised three daughters. Cooper's mother was a public school teacher, which helped cement his deep commitment to public education. He taught Sunday School and tutored students in local public schools.

Cooper entered public service in the North Carolina State House and State Senate, where he fought to raise teacher pay and reduce class sizes and wrote North Carolina's first children's health insurance initiative.

After being elected Attorney General in 2000, Cooper protected North Carolina families for four consecutive terms. He oversaw a sharp decrease in crime and fought for consumers by advocating for lower utility rates and putting predatory lenders out of business.

As North Carolina's 75th Governor, Cooper is working to make lasting investments in our future. He wants to ensure that North Carolinians are better educated, healthier and more prosperous for generations to come.

Since taking office, Gov. Cooper has worked to create thousands of new jobs. He has focused on boosting public education, tackling the opioid crisis, revitalizing rural communities and making sure North Carolinians have the training to fill better paying jobs that require more skills. After Hurricanes Matthew, Florence and Michael devastated parts of our state, Gov. Cooper is fighting for resources to help North Carolina recover smarter and stronger than ever.

He is committed to ensuring that state government looks like the people it represents and he has appointed the most diverse Cabinet in North Carolina history.

Gov. Cooper believes that if we work together, we can build a North Carolina that works for everyone.