

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolinians have long served to protect our country and freedoms in our nation's wars and conflicts, beginning with the American Revolution in 1776 and continuing to this day; and

WHEREAS, more than one million military service members, Veterans, and their families currently live in North Carolina, making our state the home of the fourth-largest military presence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is the proud home to military installations serving the U.S. Air Force, the U.S. Army, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S. Marine Corps, the U.S. Navy, and the U.S. Space Force, as well as being home to more than 40,000 National Guard and Reserve service members; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's military history has played an integral role in the development of our state, nation, and world, and it is our duty to honor all Americans who have given their lives in military service; and

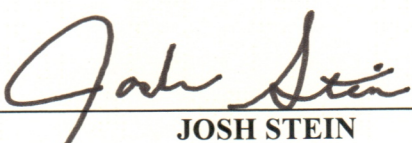
WHEREAS, we owe our fallen service members and their loved ones a debt of gratitude and respect for their selflessness, valor, and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Memorial Day, communities throughout our nation will join together to honor these fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, on May 25th, flags statewide will be lowered to half-staff in remembrance of those who died in service to our nation and in respect for their dedication to freedom, duty, and bravery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2026, as "**MEMORIAL DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





JOSH STEIN
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 twenty-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.