



## NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL SEASON

## 2018

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the City of Wilmington are pleased to host the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival; and

WHEREAS, this proud North Carolina tradition draws visitors to our port city year after year to enjoy the beauty of nature, entertainment, a street fair, parade, and riverfront attractions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to stunning floral displays, the North Carolina Azalea Festival celebrates the arts and history of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Azalea Festival promotes our tourism industry in that it encourages visitors to explore what makes our state a wonderful place to live from the mountains to the coast;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 11 - 15, 2018, as "NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL SEASON" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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 March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.