

# State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

52<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ANNUAL HALIWA-SAPONI POW-WOW

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina declared in the American Indian Heritage Month Proclamation of October 17, 2013, “We rededicate ourselves to supporting tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and prosperity for the American Indian tribal nations in North Carolina;” and

**WHEREAS**, the ancestors of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe are the aboriginal inhabitants of parts of these lands now known as Virginia and North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the ancestors of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe—through their signing of the treaty of Middle Plantation and other agreements, their maintenance of Indian churches and schools, and through other means—have a continuous history of established relationships with the surrounding non-Indian governments, beginning with the English crown and colonial governments of America; such relationships are continued today by the present-day Haliwa-Saponi with the United States and the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS** similar to the State of North Carolina, the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is a unit of government that has the sovereign responsibility to enact and enforce its own laws to govern the tribe’s citizens, jurisdictional areas, territories, lands, and resources in a way that enhances the quality of life for citizens of the tribe and other residents of its tribal territories; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has affirmed its view of the importance of self-governance of Indian tribes over their lands and citizens through legislation that imposes a duty upon the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs to act as trustee to state-recognized Indian tribes, in accordance with a trust agreement approved by the commission on a government-to-government basis with Indian tribes that desire to do so; and

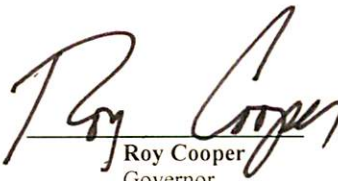
**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina enacted what is now North Carolina General Statute Chapter 71A-5 on April 15, 1965, to memorialize the state’s acknowledgement of the sovereign status of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe and its continuous government-to-government relationship with North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, to commemorate the state’s formal legislative recognition of the inherent sovereign rights of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe as a self-governing American Indian tribal nation, the tribal government of the Haliwa-Saponi designated the third weekend in April as its annual powwow and festival since 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens, institutions, and government agencies of the state are called upon to honor the rich Haliwa-Saponi heritage and culture, and to celebrate, commemorate, and recognize the unique government-to-government relationship the State of North Carolina enjoys with the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 14 – 16, 2017, as the “52<sup>nd</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ANNUAL HALIWA-SAPONI POW-WOW” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
Roy Cooper  
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 fifth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.