



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF ELLA BAKER

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, at an early age, Ella Baker moved with her family to Littleton, where they established a family home and settled in northeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Shaw University in 1927, Baker moved to New York and joined the Young Negroes Cooperative League, with an aim to develop black economic power through collective planning; and

WHEREAS, in 1940 she began work for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as field secretary, and then served as director of branches from 1943 – 1946; and

WHEREAS, Baker moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1957 to join Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others in organizing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); and

WHEREAS, two months into the sit-in movement, which began in Greensboro on February 1, 1960, Baker organized a meeting at Shaw University that gave rise to the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC); and

WHEREAS, Baker served as a mentor to the leaders of SNCC, among whom were Marion Barry, Julian Bond, and John Lewis; she is remembered as one of the most influential leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, and for pushing the boundaries of acceptable behavior for a woman of her time; and

WHEREAS, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland, California, honors her memory and legacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2018, as “**IN RECOGNITION OF ELLA BAKER**” 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 ninth day of April 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.