



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

53rd ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE HALIWA-SAPONI POWWOW

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the ancestors of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe were the inhabitants of lands now known as Virginia and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the ancestors of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe have a history of relationships with surrounding non-Indian governments, including the treaty of Middle Plantation, the maintenance of Indian churches and schools, and other agreements; these relationships began with the English crown and colonial governments of America, and are continued by present-day Haliwa-Saponi with the United States and the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe is a unit of government with sovereign responsibility to enact and enforce laws, and to govern the Tribe's citizens, jurisdictional areas, territories, lands, and resources in a way that enhances the quality of life for citizens and residents of the Tribe and its tribal territories; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is dedicated to supporting tribal sovereignty, self-determination, and prosperity for the American Indian tribal nations in North Carolina; a duty of the North Carolina Commission on Indian Affairs is to serve as a governmental intermediary for interested state-recognized Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina enacted what is now N.C. Gen. Stat. § 71A-5 on April 15, 1965, to memorialize the State's acknowledgement of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe's sovereign status and its continuous governmental relationship with the State of North Carolina; and

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

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe in observing the 53rd anniversary of this powwow, and encourages all institutions, government agencies, and communities to recognize and celebrate our unique government-to-government relationship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 20 – 22, 2018, as the **"53rd ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE HALIWA-SAPONI POWWOW"** 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 nineteenth 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.