

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2018 NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Courage has contributed greatly to our state's reputation of excellence in women's soccer; and

WHEREAS, since owner Steve Malik relocated the team to Cary in 2017, the North Carolina Courage has dominated the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL); and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2018, the North Carolina Courage made history by capturing the first ever Women's International Champions Cup at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida; and


WHEREAS, on August 5, 2018, the team returned home to Sahlen's Stadium at WakeMed Soccer Park to defeat Portland Thorns FC and secure a second consecutive NWSL Shield for best regular season record; and

WHEREAS, led by head coach Paul Riley, the North Carolina Courage will continue in the 2018 NWSL regular season for three more games before advancing to the playoffs in the No. 1 seed; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to recognize this extraordinary team and wish them continued success throughout the remainder of the season;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2018, as a day **"IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2018 NORTH CAROLINA COURAGE"** 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 fifteenth day of August 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.