

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

CANADA DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Canada Day commemorates the enactment of the Constitution Act of 1867 which united the three provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Canada province (now Ontario and Quebec) into the Canadian Federation; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2017, Canada will celebrate its 150th birthday as a nation; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan was the first to issue a proclamation, *United States-Canada Days of Peace and Friendship*, to recognize the enduring bond between the American and Canadian people, which he ascribed to "our similar aspirations for liberty, justice, individual rights, and democratic values"; and

WHEREAS, this mutual respect between Canada and the United States remains steadfast, and is evident in a strong trade partnership that is beneficial to many industries in both countries; and

WHEREAS, many cities across the United States, including in North Carolina, recognize Canada Day with parties and other festivities to celebrate Canadian culture and Canadians living abroad; and

WHEREAS, this Canada Day, the State of North Carolina encourages all citizens to acknowledge our countries' long history of cooperation and peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2017, as "CANADA DAY" 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 twenty-ninth day of June 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.