



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association (NCSBA) held its first meeting January 11, 1917, at the Trade Center in Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, since that initial meeting with just 38 charter members, the NCSBA has grown to more than 4,000 members, now the largest and one of the best organizations working to protect and promote the honey bee; and

WHEREAS, during its one hundred years, the NCSBA has been effective in persuading the North Carolina General Assembly to enact measures to protect the honey bee, such as the original Honey Bee Act in 1939 and subsequent modifications; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the North Carolina State Apiculture Program and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the NCSBA has worked to advance beekeeping throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, honey bee pollination is essential to the continued success of North Carolina's \$84 billion agricultural economy; more than one third of the food we eat depends upon the honey bee for pollination; and

WHEREAS, the NCSBA's many achievements include: funding the unique Honey Bee Exhibit at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro, where the young and young at heart can learn about the honey bee; encouraging the North Carolina Assembly to declare the honey bee as the State Insect; and growing an all-volunteer membership exceeding 4,000; and

WHEREAS, despite these heroic efforts, the honey bee remains in crisis, having seen losses of at least 40 percent for each of the past three years; therefore, the continued work of the North Carolina State Beekeepers to promote and protect the honey bee is more important than ever in its long history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 13 – 15, 2017, in recognition of the "100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION" 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 July in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the