

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

2017

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including in the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our region; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs impact a community's economy by increasing property values, expanding the local tax base, encouraging tourism, attracting and retaining businesses, and reducing crime; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

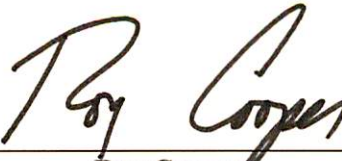
**WHEREAS**, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and enjoy outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2017, as "**PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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.