



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**

GOVERNOR

PEACH MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina peaches are grown on 1,200 acres and account for nearly \$7 million in annual farm income, according to the 2015 agricultural statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

**WHEREAS**, peach production in North Carolina is concentrated in the Sandhills region of the state, with additional acreage in western North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's climate and soil conditions allow for an extended harvest period across the state, from the mountains to the coast; and

**WHEREAS**, full cling, semi-cling and freestone varieties allow North Carolinians to enjoy fresh peaches all summer; and

**WHEREAS**, peaches are a low-calorie snack, with large amounts of vitamin A, as well as healthy amounts of calcium, iron, and vitamin C; and

**WHEREAS**, peaches are the perfect addition to ice creams, sherbets, jams, jellies, pies, and countless other desserts; and

**WHEREAS**, the industry also provides employment for many of our state's citizens, and opportunity for supplemental income for rural families who farm on a part-time basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the peach industry is yet another part of the total diversification of agriculture in North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2017, as "PEACH MONTH" 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.