

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WATERMELON MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, watermelons are enjoyed by millions of consumers every day as a versatile and nutritious commodity; and

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

WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of the top producers of watermelons in the nation, and the industry is of great importance to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina watermelon industry generates an estimated \$21.4 million in farm income, according to the 2016 agricultural statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and


WHEREAS, North Carolina grew nearly 180 million pounds of watermelons on 6,600 acres in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the watermelon industry is yet another part of the total diversification of agriculture in our state; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina urges citizens to support the industry throughout Watermelon Month and during every watermelon season;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2017, as "WATERMELON 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-fourth day of July 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.