



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

“SMOKIN’ IN THE VALLEY” WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA BBQ FESTIVAL

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2017 marks the return of the Maggie Valley Chamber of Commerce’s Western North Carolina BBQ Festival for the fifth annual event; and

WHEREAS, the “Smokin in the Valley” BBQ Festival is a Kansas City BBQ Society (KCBS) sanctioned event; and

WHEREAS, more than 48 professional cooking teams and 56 KCBS certified judges will be in attendance; and

WHEREAS, the heritage of Haywood County will be highlighted with bluegrass music, clogging, and handmade arts and crafts; and

WHEREAS, “Smokin’ in the Valley” is a fun-filled event for the entire family; and

WHEREAS, tourism and barbeque have been identified as economic drivers for Maggie Valley, and a competition of this nature attracts teams and attendees from all over the country for family-friendly activities and for a chance to compete in a sanctioned barbeque event of respected reputation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 21 – 22, 2017, as the **“SMOKIN’ IN THE VALLEY’ WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA BBQ FESTIVAL”** in North Carolina.



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