

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

MONTH OF THE U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on July 9, 1918, the U.S. Army Mine Planter Service was established by an act of Congress, and on July 22, 1918, this act was published in War Department Bulletin 43; the Mine Planter Service was placed under the U.S. Army Coast Artillery Corps; and

WHEREAS, a total of 40 Warrant Officers were subsequently authorized to serve as masters, mates, chief engineers, and assistant engineers on each mine planting vessel, thus becoming the first U.S. Army Warrant Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Army Warrant Officer is a self-aware and adaptive technical expert, combat leader, trainer, and advisor to all levels of leadership, now serving in 17 branches and 67 Warrant Officer Specialties; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officers are innovative integrators of emerging technologies, dynamic teachers, confident warfighters, and developers of specialized teams of Soldiers and community first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Warrant Officer serves tirelessly at the federal, state, and local levels to carry out countless and diverse responsibilities that help maintain critical services to our local communities, protect our homeland, and strengthen our national security; and

WHEREAS, Warrant Officers serve the people of our state with the highest degree of professionalism, technical competence, efficiency, integrity, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and our nation are deeply indebted to the men and women who serve as Warrant Officers for their devotion to public service and endless contributions to our safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to salute the tireless dedication of all Warrant Officers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July, 2018, as the "MONTH OF THE U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER" 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-sixth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.