



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WATERMELON MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the industry also provides employment for many North Carolinians as well as supplemental income for 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 generated an estimated \$20.8 million in farm income according to the 2017 agricultural statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina grew nearly 195 million pounds of watermelons on 6,700 acres in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the watermelon 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, 2018, 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-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.