



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established a Continental Army to secure the common defense of the original thirteen colonies during the War for Independence; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Council of Safety deployed Patriot troops to intercept and defeat Loyalist forces at Moore Creek's Bridge in February of 1776; and

WHEREAS, during World War I, the United States Regular Army was restructured to include 286,000 regular soldiers, 450,000 National Guard soldiers and a 500,000-person National Army; and

WHEREAS, during that restructuring, Camp Bragg was established in 1918 as a 300-square-mile training center for 16,000 soldiers; by World War II, Camp Bragg was the largest post in the Army, housing approximately 60,000 soldiers; and

WHEREAS, today, Fort Bragg remains the largest United States Army installation as home to more than 75,000 people, and encompasses more than 160,780 acres and two airfields; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the Army across North Carolina extends beyond Fort Bragg through the Army Research Office in Durham, the National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh, and the National Guard Air Station in Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, our state has a proud tradition of supporting all Armed Forces in their mission to defend our principles of liberty and freedom, and is the most military-friendly and veteran-friendly state in the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2018, as "**BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY**" 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 eighth 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.