



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**FLAG DAY**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Americans will observe Flag Day on June 14, 2018, a traditional time to honor the nation's symbol of freedom and democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the first celebration of the American Flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1916, this anniversary became a nationally observed event by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson, and in 1949, June 14 was designated National Flag Day by the United States Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Flag Day is celebrated with parades, essay contests, ceremonies, and picnics sponsored by veterans' groups, schools, and other organizations to recognize the traditions, history, pride, and respect Old Glory represents; and

**WHEREAS**, on Flag Day, we honor the servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have sacrificed to protect the freedoms that are symbolized by the American Flag; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina joins the nation in celebrating Flag Day and commemorating our nation's flag for the hope it inspires in the American people;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2018, as "**FLAG DAY**" 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 twelfth 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.