



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**MULTIRACIAL HERITAGE WEEK**

**2017**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, America has a multiracial population of 17 million people representing 6.9 percent of the nation's population (per Pew Research Center 2015), and this population is increasingly growing in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, if current trends continue—and evidence suggests that they may accelerate—the Census Bureau projects that the multiracial population will triple by 2060; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina can help promote the facilitation of honoring the multiracial population; and

**WHEREAS**, today's parents are more likely to talk to their own children about being multiracial, and our state can facilitate further positive discussions through community recognition of multiracial children; and

**WHEREAS**, Project RACE (Reclassify All Children Equally) is a national organization advocating for multiracial children, teens, adults, and families, which has active membership in all 50 states; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is a true melting pot of race and ethnicity, and honors many different cultures with days, weeks, or months that celebrate the diversity of the state's heritage;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 7 – 14, 2017, as "**MULTIRACIAL HERITAGE WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**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 seventh day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.