



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

KINGS OF Q BBQ COOK-OFF AND FESTIVAL

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2018 marks the 3rd Annual Kings of Q BBQ Cook-off and Festival to be held in Historic Downtown Ayden; and

WHEREAS, barbecue is an important part of the heritage and history of the Town of Ayden and all of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Kings of Q BBQ Cook-off and Festival is a celebration to honor the contributions to our heritage of two local Kings of Q: Latham “Bum” Dennis, and the late Walter B. “Pete” Jones; and

WHEREAS, this event is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS), the world’s largest organization of barbeque and grilling enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS, contestants and KCBS judges from all over North Carolina and our nation will come to participate in the competition for titles in poultry, pork ribs, pork shoulder, and beef brisket categories; and

WHEREAS, cooks will be judged based on performance, and the Grand Champion will qualify to compete on the national level in the American Royal World Series of Barbecue® in Kansas City, Missouri, and will be entered into a drawing to compete in the prestigious Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational Barbecue in Lynchburg, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this event shall be classified as a North Carolina State Barbecue Championship and will increase tourism and have a positive economic impact by drawing thousands of visitors to Pitt County and eastern North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the “**KINGS OF Q BBQ COOK-OFF AND FESTIVAL**,” May 18 – 19, 2018, as an official State Barbeque Championship in North Carolina.





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 eleventh day of May 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.