



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SMALL FARMS WEEK**

**AND**

**SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY**

**2018**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's small farms are the backbone of our state's rich agricultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our history, small farms have survived economic and technological changes to provide a rigorous but rewarding way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the owners of small farms help North Carolina maintain a strong economy by generating millions of dollars from the sale of commodities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the most recent statistics reported by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the average size of North Carolina's 48,000 farms is less than 180 acres, which constitutes a small farm; and

**WHEREAS**, despite changes in American agriculture, small farmers continue their role as leaders of North Carolina's agricultural tradition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cooperative Extension at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in cooperation with North Carolina State University, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and select county agencies, has helped lead the effort to provide assistance to the small farmers of North Carolina, and recognize and celebrate their many contributions;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 25 – 31, 2018, as "SMALL FARMS WEEK" and March 28, 2018, as "SMALL FARMERS' APPRECIATION DAY" in North Carolina, and commend 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 twentieth day of March 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.