

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Saint Mary's School was founded in Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1842, on the belief of the school's founder, Reverend Aldert Smedes, that an educated woman can and should make a difference in the world around her, a tenet as relevant today as it was in the mid-nineteenth century; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Mary's, an independent, Episcopal, college-preparatory, boarding and day school dedicated to academic excellence and personal achievement for girls in grades 9-12, is distinct in its longevity and relevance across generations of North Carolinians as Raleigh's oldest continually operating school; and

**WHEREAS**, since opening its doors to the "Original 13" students on May 12, 1842, Saint Mary's has remained true to its original mission of educating young women, and consistently produced civic, community, and business leaders prepared for the challenges and opportunities of their time; and

**WHEREAS**, Saint Mary's 175-year history of resilience, resolve, and strong sense of purpose has allowed the school to adapt to—and ultimately thrive in—the changing and sometimes challenging times in the history of the state, the nation, and the world; and

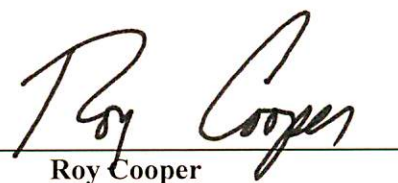
**WHEREAS**, today, Saint Mary's School, a learning and living community, continues to prepare students for college and life by nurturing young women of intellect, integrity, and purpose, empowered to serve and shape their world; and

**WHEREAS**, through community service programming, Saint Mary's students, both today and through its history, provide thousands of annual volunteer hours to the City of Raleigh, the State of North Carolina, and the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016-2017 school year marks 175 years of excellence in education and service to the community by Saint Mary's School;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2017, as the "175<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT MARY'S SCHOOL" 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 first day of May 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.