



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**“KINGS OF Q” BBQ COOK-OFF AND FESTIVAL**

2017

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

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, 2017 marks the Second 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 made by the 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**, competitors and KCBS judges from all over the State of North Carolina and our nation will come to compete 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, increasing tourism and aiding in its economic impact by drawing more than 8,000 visitors to Pitt County and eastern North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19 – 20, 2017, in recognition of the **“KINGS OF Q BBQ COOK-OFF AND FESTIVAL”** 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 twenty-seventh day of April 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.