



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DOLLEY MADISON

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our nation's former American First Lady and Greensboro native, Mrs. Dolley Madison, served our nation throughout her life, most notably alongside her husband, James Madison, during his term as the 4th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, First Lady Dolley Madison served honorably and graciously as a model hostess, charitable civil servant, and brave trailblazer for the many who have followed in her footsteps; and

WHEREAS, her courageous decision to save Gilbert Stuart's portrait of George Washington from the White House just before the building was burned by the British in the War of 1812 was a priceless service to our nation that has been remembered throughout our history and continues to be honored today; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins our nation in commemorating the 250th anniversary of the birth of Dolley Madison, a great North Carolinian and beloved First Lady of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2018, as "**250th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DOLLEY MADISON**" 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 fifteenth 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.