

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BEEF MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book published by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, farmers are currently raising cattle in all of our state's 100 counties, totaling over 800,000 cattle in North Carolina that provide a variety of food, leather, and other products to the citizens of this state; and

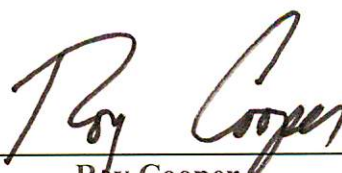
WHEREAS, because of cooperation between beef producers and the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T State University, and allied industry, thousands of farms are flourishing across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book, beef and beef products are naturally nutrient rich, providing Americans with a high quality source of protein, zinc, iron, and B vitamins, leading nine out of ten households to serve beef at least once every two weeks; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book, cattle farms generate more than \$409 million in cash receipts each year making the beef industry an important part of the total diversification of agriculture in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as "**BEEF MONTH**" 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 twentieth 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.