



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**BEEF MONTH**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2017 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book published by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, there are currently more than 830,000 cattle in our state, which provide us with a variety of food, leather, and other products; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book reports that North Carolina farmers raise cattle in all 100 counties throughout our 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 Agricultural and Technical State University, and allied industries, thousands of farms are flourishing across our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services characterizes beef and beef products as naturally nutrient rich, providing Americans with a high-quality source of protein, zinc, iron, and B vitamins; nine out of ten households serve beef at least once every two weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book lists cattle farms as generating more than \$255 million in cash receipts each year, making the beef industry yet another part of the total diversification of agriculture in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as "**BEEF MONTH**" 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-sixth day of April 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.