



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GOLD STAR AWARENESS MONTH**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the term Gold Star began during World War I when American families displayed flags in homes, businesses, schools, and churches with a gold star for each loved one lost in military service; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the nation recognizes the sacrifice that all Gold Star Family members make when a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved one dies in active service to the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, less than one percent of our nation serve in our military, and we have an obligation to acknowledge the losses of our service men and women and ensure their families are not forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, during the month of May, we honor those who have lost a family member who died while in active service in the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we remember our commitment to Gold Star Families, who carry on with pride and courage despite their tragic loss;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as **"GOLD STAR AWARENESS 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 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.