



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for generations, North Carolinians have proudly served our nation during times of conflict and peace; and

WHEREAS, our brave service men and women, their families, and their loved ones have made great sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, today, North Carolina's military presence is the third largest in the nation, and has a total economic impact of \$66 billion annually on our state; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to approximately 120,000 active military personnel and their families, stationed at Fort Bragg Army Base, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, and Air Station Elizabeth City Coast Guard Base; and

WHEREAS, our state's active duty military and more than 720,000 veterans impart courage, honor, and valor to their fellow North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, these servicemembers and veterans are true leaders in our communities and are integral to the success, advancement, and prosperity of our state; and

WHEREAS, during Military Appreciation Month, we are reminded of the important role the United States Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country and state, and our responsibility as Americans to support, honor, and commend the selfless service of our military families; and

WHEREAS, this month and throughout the year, we recognize our North Carolina servicemembers and veterans, and remember with deep gratitude the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our freedom; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2018, as "**MILITARY APPRECIATION 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-seventh 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.