



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PRESERVATION MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage and special places that have shaped us as a people and promote a statewide sense of place and identity; and

WHEREAS, across North Carolina there are historic places that have contributed to our shared experience as North Carolinians, including battlefields, ships, churches, historic residential neighborhoods and downtowns, roads and bridges, and house museums, as well as archaeological sites; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, maintaining community character, and increasing community optimism; and

WHEREAS, activities such as volunteering to assist a community preservation project, hosting an educational history event, or including historic sites and buildings in vacation planning help promote an understanding and appreciation of our state's rich heritage; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office is to help our state's people, private organizations, and public agencies identify, protect, and enhance North Carolina's historic resources and communities for today and future generations, through a coordinated program of incentives and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3,000 historic properties and districts around the state of North Carolina that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, including thousands of historic homes; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation incentives have fostered more than \$2.5 billion in private investment in North Carolina to preserve and restore the state's National Register-listed historic properties since 1976; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation projects create jobs for North Carolinians in the areas of heritage tourism, construction, building materials, landscaping, and architecture while enhancing local property values and tax bases and giving communities attractive, unique places to live, work, and enjoy life; and

WHEREAS, *This Place Matters* is the theme for National Preservation Month 2018, co-sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Office and the National Trust for Historic Preservation;

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