



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WORLD TRADE MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration and the world celebrate World Trade Month each year in May; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the critical importance of the export of goods and services to our state's economy and the continued prosperity of our businesses both large and small; and

WHEREAS, the export of goods and services from North Carolina supports more than 373,000 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is a trade leader, where the value of goods exported from the state has increased 24 percent over the past 10 years, well above the 15 percent increase nationwide; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's overall exports continue to grow, and reached \$32.6 billion in 2017, an 8 percent increase compared to the previous year; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is dedicated to supporting the efforts of our businesses to begin exporting, increase existing foreign sales, or develop new international markets; business services are offered through a diverse network, including the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina's International Trade Division, the North Carolina Department of Commerce, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina State Ports Authority, the North Carolina District Export Council, the United States Small Business Administration, the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and others; and

WHEREAS, the highly collaborative effort of this network provides assistance with export education seminars, market intelligence, market entry strategies, vetting of international distributors, international trade show support, export financing, and more; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is an opportunity for North Carolina's agencies, organizations, businesses, trade associations, and workforce to celebrate and promote international trade;

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