



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Americans have observed Memorial Day since 1868 to honor the sacrifices of the brave men and women who have given their lives in defense of our great nation; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolinians have proudly served and continue to serve to protect our freedoms in our nation's wars and conflicts, beginning with the American Revolution in 1776; and

**WHEREAS**, today, approximately 120,000 active duty military personnel and more than 720,000 military veterans and their families in North Carolina help to make up the third-largest military presence in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's military history has played an integral role in the development of our state, as well as our nation, and it is our duty to honor our men and women, and all Americans, who have given their lives in service; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 13,700 North Carolinians have died defending our nation in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, and Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, in observance of Memorial Day, communities will gather to grieve and remember these and other brave soldiers, known and unknown, who are commemorated by historic burial grounds, battlefields, and monuments across our state; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe these men and women and their families, loved ones, and children a debt of gratitude and respect for their honor, valor, selflessness, and sacrifice; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 28, flags statewide will be lowered to half-mast in remembrance of our fallen soldiers and their dedication and commitment to freedom, independence, and the spirit of patriotism;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 28, 2018, as "**MEMORIAL DAY**" 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-third day of May 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.