

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, with limitless courage and patriotism, members of the United States Uniformed Services risk their lives every day to defend our people and safeguard our democracy; and

WHEREAS, since our nation's beginning, American service members have made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting for our country in pursuit of peace and stability; and

WHEREAS, 1967 federal law designates the last Monday in May as Memorial Day in the United States, a time to commemorate the brave Americans, known and unknown, who have given their lives to protect our country; and

WHEREAS, on this day, communities will gather at historic burial grounds, battlefields, and memorials across North Carolina to grieve and honor loved ones who sacrificed their lives in service; and


WHEREAS, through prayer and remembrance, we immortalize the valiant men and women lost in ongoing and recent conflicts, as well as in previous wars and conflicts throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, we are forever indebted to the American heroes who have died defending our freedom, and to their families whose pride and sorrow are testament to the immense burden of such a sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, this Memorial Day, the State of North Carolina pays tribute to our fallen warriors, and gives thanks to all veterans and current members of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, and National Guard for their service to our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2017, as "**MEMORIAL DAY**" 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 nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.