



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Albemarle Region is the founding region of the great state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle includes the counties of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Tyrrell, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle has a rich history of native people before European colonization, and the Albemarle played a leading role in the formation of the social, political, and cultural ethos of the state; and

WHEREAS, key events of the colonial period including Culpepper Rebellion and Cary's Rebellion took place in the Albemarle region; and

WHEREAS, key events of the Civil War including the Battle of Roanoke Island and the Battle of Plymouth also took place there; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle can boast to be First in Flight; and

WHEREAS, such notable North Carolinians as Virginia Dare, James Iredell, Harriet Jacobs, Elise Garnett Riddick, Max Roach, and Catfish Hunter called the Albemarle home; and

WHEREAS in 1967, a group of leading citizens came together to create a museum to tell the history of this critical place, and managed the museum until it became a state regional museum in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the museum attracts nearly 80,000 visitors per year, including more than 16,000 school children; and

WHEREAS, the museum serves as the repository of more than 30,000 historical artifacts, and the library and research collection at the museum has become a center for new scholarship on the Albemarle region; and

WHEREAS, that institution, the Museum of the Albemarle, celebrates its 50th anniversary on May 29, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2017, as "MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE 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 seventeenth 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.