



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LAW DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our nation's and state's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1 as the annual day for the commemoration of Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated the 2018 Law Day theme to be *Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom* in recognition of the system of government established by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, distinct and independent branches of government are integral to the foundation of our governmental system; and

WHEREAS, the framework established by the Founders is not self-executing, and we the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and advancing our rights as Americans; and

WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom is an important component in the civic education of the people of the United States and of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bar Association, with approximately 19,049 members, including approximately 6,592 members of its Young Lawyers Division, encourages North Carolina students in grades three through twelve to participate in law-related competitions held in conjunction with its annual Law Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and the United States are better places to live because of our strong commitment to, and tradition of, liberty and justice, and because of the contributions of dedicated members of the legal profession; this year proudly marks the 60th observance of Law Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2018, as "LAW 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 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.