

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LAW DAY

2017

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 North Carolina's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

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

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated the 2017 Law Day theme to be "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy" in recognition of the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment, in the nearly century and a half that has elapsed since its ratification, has greatly expanded the constitutional protections available to all through its clauses guaranteeing due process and equal protection; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment has served as the vehicle by which many of the protections in the Bill of Rights have been found to be enforceable against state and local government actions that infringe upon fundamental liberties; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment constitutionally defined national citizenship for the first time and guaranteed that the privileges or immunities of United States citizenship would not be denied to any individual citizen; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment has served as the basis of and inspiration for landmark civil rights legislation and court decisions protecting and advancing the rights of Americans; and

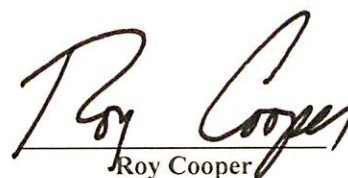
WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bar Association, with approximately 18,000 members including approximately 5,000 members of its Young Lawyers Division, encourages North Carolina students in grades four through twelve to participate in law-related competitions held in conjunction with its annual Law Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, this state and nation are better places to live because of our strong 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 5, 2017, 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 seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.