

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RURAL DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has a strong history rooted in a vibrant rural way of life and a proud lineage of rural leadership and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is blessed with rich natural resources, beautiful countryside from the mountains to sea, and an abundance of clean air, refreshing water, and fertile soil, all of which sustain our people and attract visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, our rural communities and small towns are the backbone of North Carolina's thriving economy and enlightened culture, exhibited by an enduring entrepreneurial spirit, scientific curiosity, and artistic creativity; and

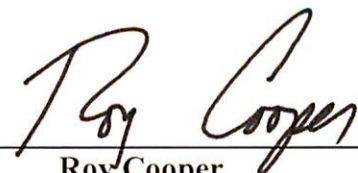
WHEREAS, our values of caring for neighbors, welcoming strangers, and comforting the troubled are rooted in our rural tradition of humility, hospitality, and service;

WHEREAS, the continued success of the State of North Carolina is dependent upon the connected economies, strong relationships, and mutual goodwill of its rural and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, the designation of Rural Day will recognize the commitment of rural residents to their communities, reemphasize our state's appreciation of rural North Carolina, and reaffirm our collective support to improving the quality of life across all communities in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2017, as "RURAL 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 first 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.