

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, two battalions of Continental Marines were formed by a resolution of the Second Continental Congress on November 10, 1775; and

WHEREAS, these battalions were commanded by Captain Samuel Nicholas during the American Revolutionary War with fighting capabilities at Land and Sea; and

WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps has grown to include 182,000 active duty soldiers and 38,500 reserve members, with an additional 38,000 recruits trained annually; and

WHEREAS, women have served in the United States Marine Corps since 1918; in 1942, the first African Americans ever to serve in the Marine Corps began recruit training at Montford Point Camp in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina, is the heart of Marine Corps activity on the eastern seaboard; and

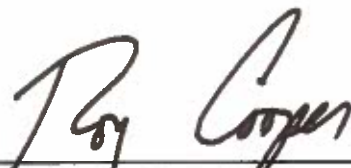
WHEREAS, the United States Marine Corps have faithfully served our nation in every major conflict and war since the inception of the United States; and

WHEREAS, 35,000 Marines are currently deployed worldwide defending the interests, values and principles of the United States at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps motto, Semper Fidelis, represents the undying commitment of faith upheld between the Marine Corps and the United States that began November 10, 1775, and continues today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2017, as the **“UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY”** 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 third day of November 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.