



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

VETERANS DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, recognizing the first anniversary of the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for the annual observance of this day, and in 1938, November 11 became a national holiday; and

WHEREAS, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed legislation in 1954 to change the name to Veterans Day to pay tribute to those who served in all American wars; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 700,000 veterans, and the third largest military population in the country; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a long and proud history of supporting our veterans and military personnel, their families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, we owe an undying debt of gratitude to our North Carolina service members and veterans for their unyielding sacrifice to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, today, we pause to show this heartfelt gratitude, and honor our veterans for their bravery and sacrifice in protecting our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all citizens; civic, religious, public, and private organizations and businesses; and local and state government leaders to support our veterans and their families, on this day as well as every day throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 11, 2017, as "VETERANS 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 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.