



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to more than 800,000 active military and veteran families; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 40 percent of active duty military officers and 75 percent of military veterans in the United States live as part of a family; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 276,000 military and veteran family members are supported by North Carolina's four major military installations, while more than 600,000 live in communities throughout our state; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's military and veteran families contribute \$66 billion to our state annually, representing roughly 10 percent of the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 80,000 businesses in North Carolina are veteran owned; military and veteran families are employed in more than 578,000 jobs in our state, and contribute more than \$34 billion in personal income to their local economies and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, transitioning military officers and veterans supply invaluable skills to our workforce, and strengthen resilience across numerous private sector industries statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's military and veteran families are local leaders in our communities, inspiring in our citizens a spirit of service and reverence; and

**WHEREAS**, military and veteran families are an invaluable asset and treasure to the state of North Carolina, and we honor their sacrifice, pride, and service this month and always;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "**MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH**" 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 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.