



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA PECAN MONTH**

**2017**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, pecans are the only major tree nut native to North America; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is one of the top 10 pecan producing states in the nation in production of new and improved varieties, and produces three to five million pounds of pecans annually with approximately 2,000 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, the largest concentration of commercial pecan orchards is located in Eastern and Southeastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, pecans are known not only for their delicious flavor, but also for their many health benefits; pecans are high in unsaturated fats and can be helpful in lowering cholesterol; and

**WHEREAS**, pecans contain more than 19 vitamins and minerals including folic acid, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, zinc, and vitamins A, B, and E; and

**WHEREAS**, the versatility of pecans makes them an attractive ingredient to a wide variety of foods, including premium-baked goods, candies, and ice creams; and

**WHEREAS**, the pecan industry is yet another part of the total diversification of North Carolina's \$84 billion agriculture and agribusiness industry;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2017, as "NORTH CAROLINA PECAN 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 thirteenth 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.