



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than one million active military members, veterans, guard and reservists, and their families; and

WHEREAS, these families sacrifice along with their loved ones in service to the values, principles, and security of the United States; and

WHEREAS, nearly 300,000 military and veteran family members are supported by North Carolina's four major military installations, while more than 700,000 live in communities throughout our state; and

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

WHEREAS, more than 80,000 businesses in North Carolina are veteran-owned; and

WHEREAS, the military supports more than 578,000 jobs in North Carolina, generating more than \$34 billion in personal income; more than two-thirds of these jobs occur in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, our state's military and veteran families are local leaders in our communities, schools, churches, workplaces, and across civic life, contributing to our cultural and economic development and inspiring in all North Carolinians a spirit of service; and

WHEREAS, military and veteran families are an invaluable asset 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, 2018, 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 twenty-sixth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.