



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 29, 1867, Fayetteville State University (FSU) began as the Howard School for the education of African-American children, founded by seven African-American leaders in Fayetteville – David A. Bryant, Nelson Carter, Andrew J. Chesnutt, George Grange, Sr., Matthew Leary, Jr., Thomas Lomax, and Robert Simmons; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill Number 472, introduced in the State Legislature by Thomas A. Nicholson of Iredell County, was ratified on March 8, 1877; known as the Act to establish normal schools, this bill provided for the formation of a teacher training institution for African-American North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the Howard School in Fayetteville was selected as the site for this institution, and renamed the State Colored Normal School in 1877; in this way, FSU became the second state-supported institution in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State Colored Normal School was renamed the State Normal and Industrial School in 1916, State Normal School for the Negro Race in 1921, State Normal School in 1926, Fayetteville State Teachers College in 1939, Fayetteville State College in 1963, and Fayetteville State University in 1969; in 1972, FSU became a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina system; and

WHEREAS, today, FSU serves a diverse community of more than 6,000 students, and offers 43 undergraduate programs, 23 master's degree programs, and one doctoral program in educational leadership; and

WHEREAS, FSU alumni continue to distinguish themselves in the field of education, as well as in all fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins Fayetteville State University in celebrating its history and legacy throughout this Sesquicentennial, and commends the university on 150 years of academic excellence, community service, and outstanding contributions to the betterment of our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 4 – 10, 2017, as “**FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY WEEK**” 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 thirtieth day of October 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.