



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, a resolution was introduced to the United States Congress to designate the first week in November as National Veterans Small Business Week; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to more than one million military service members, veterans, guard and reservists, and their families, representing nearly 10 percent of the total population; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans are an essential part of our state and national economies; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has taken an active role in supporting veteran entrepreneurship statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, in the United States, 2.5 million businesses are veteran-owned, creating nearly six million jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 80,000 veteran-owned businesses in North Carolina; the military provides more than 578,000 jobs in our state and fuels more than \$34 billion in local economic growth and stability; and

**WHEREAS**, Military Veterans Small Business Week is dedicated to supporting veteran entrepreneurs and business owners and their families, and to encouraging people to purchase goods and services from these hardworking men and women; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina's veterans and their families rightly deserve our unwavering support and gratitude;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 5 – 9, 2018, as “**NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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.