

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK**

**2017**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, there are 74.6 million women in our nation's civilian labor force, making up 49 percent of all United States workers; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 11.3 million businesses in the United States are owned by women, employing 9 million people and generating more than \$1.6 trillion in revenue in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, 57 percent of women participate in the labor force, including 70 percent of women with children under the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, Business and Professional Women's Clubs work to improve the lives of women and their families by promoting equality, and helping to create better social, educational, economic, and political conditions for women entering or participating in the workforce; and

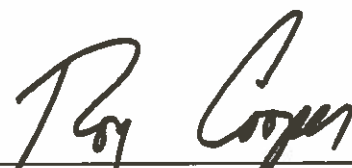
**WHEREAS**, for 89 years, Business and Professional Women's Clubs have commemorated the achievements and contributions of working women by celebrating National Business Women's Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., which represents women in every voting district of our state, serves as a lead organization of the ERA-NC Alliance to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, National Business Women's Week is sponsored by the North Carolina Business and Professional Women's Clubs, in conjunction with the Business and Professional Women Foundation, who urge all civic and fraternal groups, educational associations, news media, and community organizations to join in celebrating the many contributions of business and professional women to our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15 – 21, 2017, as "**NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S 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 ninth 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.