



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**INTERNATIONAL DIVERSITY MONTH**

**2017**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, International Focus, the host of the International Festival of Raleigh, works with the U.S. State Department to bring delegations from around the world to North Carolina so they may experience our great state through education, cultural exchange, arts, and the celebration of achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1986 the International Festival of Raleigh has been dedicated to serving North Carolina's International communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Festival of Raleigh promotes American ideals through cross-cultural communication, education, and understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, up to 200 foreign-born North Carolina residents become naturalized United States citizens at the opening ceremonies of the International Festival of Raleigh each year; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 20,000 participants and attendees from across the state of North Carolina connect annually in Raleigh to make their communities better through friendship with their multicultural neighbors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2017, as **"INTERNATIONAL DIVERSITY MONTH"** 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 twentieth day of September 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.