



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA SPIRITS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, craft spirits are a thriving part of North Carolina's agribusiness, beverage, and tourism industries; and

WHEREAS, distilleries and distribution of craft spirits have been a part of North Carolina's commerce and culture since the beginning of European colonization; and

WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2017, the number of distilleries doubled in North Carolina, and continues to grow according to the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is now home to about 80 distilleries, located from the mountains to the coast, in every major metropolitan area and many rural communities; and

WHEREAS, craft spirits are a value-added product for North Carolina farmers who produce traditional row crops such as corn, rye, and wheat, as well as horticultural crops such as apples, pumpkins, and sweet potatoes; and

WHEREAS, the industry also provides employment for many of our state's citizens, and tourism dollars for both urban and rural areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, as "NORTH CAROLINA SPIRITS 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-first 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.