



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2017, the Bahá'is of North Carolina and their families, friends, neighbors, and colleagues are commemorating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the Founder of the Bahá'í Faith; and

WHEREAS, in the nineteenth century, Bahá'u'lláh spoke a message of human dignity and unity, calling for fellowship and collaboration among the followers of all religions; and

WHEREAS, Bahá'u'lláh affirmed the equality of men and women, called for the elimination of racism and prejudice, and declared that universal education is required for societies to succeed; and

WHEREAS, for almost 75 years, the Bahá'í Faith has been a part of communities across North Carolina, with members from all races, nationalities, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the contributions of the Bahá'í Faith to our state, and congratulates our Bahá'í citizens on the celebration of this important milestone;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 22, 2017, as the “**BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twentieth 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.