



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORICAL MARKING OF BATH BEING NAMED  
THE OFFICIAL PORT OF ENTRY FOR THE COLONY OF NORTH CAROLINA

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, John Lawson, Surveyor General, surveyed the First 71 Lots in Bath in 1704, and development began for our colonial capital; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Harding was the first recorded shipbuilder in the Colony in 1710, and was contracted by Governor Thomas Cary to build a sloop in the Pamlico area; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Harding was named the Town Commissioner and Vestryman, and owned lots 27 – 28, the site of this park; and

WHEREAS, in 1716, Bath was officially named the First Port of Entry for the North Carolina Colony; and

WHEREAS, The North Carolina State Society, Daughters of the American Colonists, on Saturday, October 28, 2017, host this Historical Marking for the Town of Bath entailing the significant historical deeds of 300 years ago;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2017, as a day “IN RECOGNITION OF THE HISTORICAL MARKING OF BATH BEING NAMED THE OFFICIAL PORT OF ENTRY FOR THE COLONY OF NORTH CAROLINA” 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 thirteenth 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.