

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2015, United States Senator Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire introduced a resolution to designate the first week in November as National Veterans Small Business Week; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 800,000 military personnel, including more than 773,000 veterans, representing nearly 10 percent of our total population; and

WHEREAS, veterans are integral to the growth of our national and North Carolina economies; and

WHEREAS, veteran entrepreneurs are an essential component of the small business development community in North Carolina and throughout the United States; nearly 2.5 million American businesses are owned by veterans, who employ nearly six million workers; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, service disabled veteran owned small businesses won more than \$6 billion in federal contracts; and

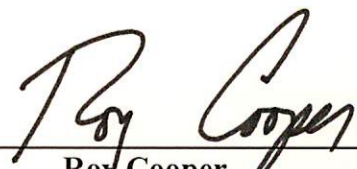
WHEREAS, North Carolina has more than 80,000 small businesses that are wholly or partially owned by veterans; and

WHEREAS, military and veteran families in North Carolina are employed in more than 578,000 jobs in our state, and contribute more than \$34 billion in personal income to our local economies and communities; and

WHEREAS, this week is dedicated to supporting our veteran entrepreneurs, and encouraging consumers to purchase goods and services from our local veteran owned businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 30 – November 3, 2017, as “**NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**” 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 first day of November 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.