



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6 as German-American day to honor the 300th anniversary of the first German settlers to the United States; and

WHEREAS, after approval by the United States Congress, S.J. resolution 108 – designating October 6, 1987, as German-American Day – became public law 100-104 when signed by President Reagan on August 18, 1987; and

WHEREAS, the German-American community's long and deeply-rooted legacy in North Carolina dates to the 1580s as part of Sir Walter Raleigh's second expedition; furthermore, the eighteenth century found the British Crown settling 100 German families in New Bern; and

WHEREAS, German Moravians established Old Salem, and German-Americans in North Carolina established Catawba College, North Carolina College, and the Mount Amoena Female Seminary; and

WHEREAS, more than one million Americans of German descent call North Carolina home; and

WHEREAS, the German-American community has made innumerable contributions to the fields of education, the arts, medicine, science, and military excellence; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to recognize October 6 as German-American Day to celebrate the contributions made by this great and proud people to both our state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2017, as "GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY" 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 second 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.