



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

SEARCH AND RESCUE DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Julia and Matthew flooded many parts of Central and Eastern North Carolina in September and October of 2016, and required the rescue of thousands of people from floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of rescuers from dozens of local, state, and federal teams responded to help North Carolinians during and after the Hurricane Matthew flood emergency, carrying out flood rescues on the ground, by boat, and from the air; and

WHEREAS, local public safety personnel played a vital lifesaving role, undertaking search and rescue operations outside their normal course of duty; and

WHEREAS, the local first responders, state employees, civilians, and military members who serve and volunteer on North Carolina's search and rescue teams train continually, sharpen skills, and maintain equipment to be ready and able to respond at any moment; and

WHEREAS, our search and rescue teams are among the nation's most respected, and are often called upon to share expertise and respond to other states; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's coordinated swift water rescue efforts during Hurricane Matthew were recently recognized with the Higgins and Langley Award for Outstanding Achievement in Swift Water Rescue, a prestigious international honor; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians should recognize the bravery, dedication, and training of these emergency responders who repeatedly put their own safety at risk to rescue others;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2017, as "**SEARCH AND RESCUE 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 sixth 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.