



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, established nationally in 1988 by Public Law 100-402, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the culture, history, and achievements of Hispanics, acknowledging especially Hispanic people in the United States for their many contributions to American society; and

**WHEREAS**, also in September, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversaries of their independence; and

**WHEREAS**, in North Carolina, we take this time each year to recognize the social, cultural, and economic impact Hispanics and Latinos have made on our way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic community is part of the fabric of North Carolina, enriching our schools and education system; bolstering the economy as business owners, employers, and entrepreneurs; and contributing to the overall growth and progress of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 30 years, the Hispanic population has grown dramatically; today, 9.2 percent of North Carolinians are Hispanic, with a median age of only 24 years; and

**WHEREAS**, in North Carolina, this high percentage of young people indicates that the Hispanic community will continue to flourish, and reflects the national theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month: "Shaping the Bright Future of America"; and

**WHEREAS**, our Hispanic population is shaping the bright future of North Carolina in every aspect of our society and economy, including business, agriculture, the arts, academia, medicine, the hospitality industry, the public sector, and civil society; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud of our diverse culture, and encourages residents to celebrate our Hispanic community by participating in the events held by organizations across our state to commemorate this special occasion;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2017, as "HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all.



  
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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 fifth 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.