

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

2018

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 16, 1810, a group of patriotic Mexicans led by the priest Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, in the small town of Dolores, rose up in arms to fight for their independence; and

WHEREAS, while independence was not won immediately, this day and uprising are considered the beginning of the war that eventually brought the country independence in 1821; and

WHEREAS, this year, the people of Mexico commemorate the 208<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mexican Independence Day, and honor the dedication and heroism of those who fought for justice and the freedom of their country; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, we take this time to recognize the historic and ongoing social, cultural, and economic impact of the Mexican community in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina joins in commending the Mexican people as we celebrate the anniversary of their independence;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2018, as "**MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE 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 fourteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.