

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, protecting North Carolina's natural beauty is critical to our citizens' quality of life, health, and economic wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and others are joining together to create a hiking trail from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks that will benefit this and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains-to-Sea trail is a unit of the North Carolina State Parks system; and

WHEREAS, thousands of North Carolinians have volunteered to build and maintain more than 1,000 miles of the trail, often in rugged terrain and weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Mountains-to-Sea Trail has helped inspire the construction of additional trails throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, each year, the Mountains-to-Sea Trail provides its tens of thousands of visitors with a variety of outdoor experiences, adventure, and challenges benefitting physical and mental health; and

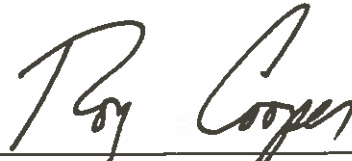
WHEREAS, the trail serves everyone – individuals and families of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1977, a speech by then North Carolina Secretary of Natural Resources and Community Development Howard N. Lee to a National Trails Symposium in Waynesville served as a catalyst to build a "state trail from the mountains to the coast, a trail leading through communities as well as natural areas"; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2017, hundreds of North Carolinians will unite for MST in a Day to celebrate progress toward completion of this epic legacy by each hiking or paddling a section of the trail so that through their collective efforts the, entire 1,175-mile route is completed in one day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 9, 2017, as "MOUNTAINS-TO-SEA TRAIL 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 twenty-first day of August 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.