



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD HERITAGE DAY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 24, 1663, the Carolina Charter granted the eight Lord Proprietors and their officers the right to “levy, muster and train men” in order to defend the property and peoples of the Carolinas; and

WHEREAS, for more than three centuries the young men and women of our state’s militia and now National Guard force have been trusted by their neighbors to bear arms in defense of liberty, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, they have served since the birth of our country with courage and discipline; and

WHEREAS, these Citizen Soldiers and Airmen have fought for the United States whether with musket, cannon, bayonet and sword in the Revolution; or with Abrams tank, Apache helicopter, Paladin howitzer and Hercules aircraft today; and

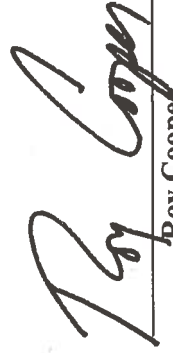
WHEREAS, many thousands of North Carolina’s men and women have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their state and nation; and

WHEREAS, our North Carolina National Guard service members have served and continue to serve on order from their commander-in-chief, the Governor, to protect the lives and property of North Carolina citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina commends the Citizen Soldiers and Airmen of the North Carolina National Guard, as well as their families and their employers, for their sacrifice and commitment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2017, as “**NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD HERITAGE DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.




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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-second day of February 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.