



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during the 18th and 19th centuries, individuals of Irish heritage migrated across the Atlantic in pursuit of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to thousands of residents of Irish ancestry, descendants of Irish settlers that originally established their home across the Cape Fear region, eventually settling across the state in various areas; and

WHEREAS, throughout history, Irish Americans have contributed an immeasurable amount of hard work and value to the cultural landscape of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina salutes Irish Americans throughout our history who have made a tremendous impact in our country including North Carolina born Presidents of the United States, James Polk (born in Pineville) and Andrew Johnson (born in Raleigh); and

WHEREAS, this month and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina is proud to celebrate the contributions of Irish Americans and to encourage citizens to learn more about the pivotal role Irish Americans played and continue to play in North Carolina history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2017, as **"IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"** 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 second day of March 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.

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