



# State of North Carolina

*Roy Cooper*  
Governor

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 national theme for Women's History Month is "Honoring Trailblazing Women in Leadership and Business;" and

**WHEREAS**, throughout our nation's history, women have actively challenged structures that unjustly marginalized populations, while leading revolutions and fighting oppression; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud to be home to a diverse population of women dedicated to our nation's well-being and whose courageous efforts advance the livelihood of the masses; and

**WHEREAS**, women make up 51 percent of the population in the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina celebrates the 54<sup>th</sup> year of the Governor's Council for Women and Youth Involvement, an initiative charged with advancing and protecting the rights of women, providing a voice of influence on issues affecting women, and celebrating women's achievement and leadership throughout the state; today, the Council continues to provide guidance for the Governor and legislature on a myriad of issues facing today's women, including leadership attainment, violence against women, education and economic security; and

**WHEREAS**, this month and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina is proud to salute the accomplishments of women committed to making a difference, and to encourage citizens to learn more about the impact women have made and continue to make on North Carolina history;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2017, as "**WOMEN'S HISTORY 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 sixteenth 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.