



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

FORT BRAGG CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, to prepare the United States for entry into World War I in 1918, the Army – after considerable efforts by the City of Fayetteville, with assistance from the City of Charlotte – selected land ten miles north of Fayetteville that had suitable terrain, adequate water, rail facilities, and a climate for year-round military training of their field artillery unit; and

WHEREAS, Camp Bragg, named for native North Carolinian Braxton Bragg for his actions during the Mexican-American War, came into existence on September 4, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Camp Bragg became Fort Bragg, a permanent Army post and home of the Army Field Artillery Board, on September 30, 1922; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg has trained and deployed service members for all major wars and conflicts in its 100-year history, including World Wars I and II; Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Grenada, and the Caribbean; Vietnam; Desert Shield and Desert Storm; Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn; and numerous humanitarian missions; and

WHEREAS, today Fort Bragg, Home of the Airborne and Special Operations Forces, has approximately 57,000 military personnel, 11,000 civilian employees, and 23,000 family members, making it one of the largest military complexes in the world.; and

WHEREAS, Fort Bragg equips, trains, rapidly deploys, and sustains service members and their families as they protect our nation's freedom and interests worldwide; and

WHEREAS, these service members and their families have contributed greatly to the cultural and economic richness and quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is proud to be the home of Fort Bragg, and deeply grateful to the service members, their families, and all who work at Fort Bragg for their service to our country and for helping to make our state what it is today; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes and commends Fort Bragg on the celebration of its 100th anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2018, as **"FORT BRAGG CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY 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 thirtieth day of August 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.