

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA GRANGE MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Grange celebrates its 150th birthday in the month of April, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The Grange has played a major role in the development of rural North Carolina during three centuries: advocating for legislative protection for farmers in the 1800s; promoting research and education to improve agriculture through the Cooperative Extension Service and Land Grant Colleges, and working to expand mail delivery and electricity to rural areas in the 1900s; and encouraging the expansion of broadband internet service in the 2000s; and

WHEREAS, The Grange continues to be an active force in thousands of communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, The Grange advocates on behalf of North Carolina's approximate 50,000 farms—spread across 8.4 million acres of land, each averaging 168 acres in size—which contribute to about \$84 billion in annual economic impact on North Carolina; and,


WHEREAS, The Grange emphasizes the importance of civic responsibility and the involvement of people in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, The Grange promotes service to the local community and volunteerism to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of its members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Grange members everywhere wish to celebrate and express their pride in the legacy of this highly respected organization that is entwined with North Carolina's agricultural past, present, and future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, do hereby proclaim April, 2017, as "NORTH CAROLINA GRANGE MONTH" 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 thirty-first 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.