

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**ARBOR DAY**

**2019**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1967, the North Carolina General Assembly ratified a bill that led to the first Friday after March 15 being designated annually as Arbor Day in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud to be home to a wide variety of trees and diverse wildlife attractions; and

**WHEREAS**, trees help reduce erosion of topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate our temperatures, clean our air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and


**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource that provides paper, wood for homes, fuel for our fires, and other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of businesses, beautify our communities, and improve our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a source of great pride and all North Carolinians are encouraged to support efforts to protect trees and woodlands, and to plant trees for the well-being of this and future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2019, as “**ARBOR DAY**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.