

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY**

**2019**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress established a Continental Army to secure the common defense of the original thirteen colonies during the War for Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Council of Safety deployed Patriot troops to intercept and defeat Loyalist forces at Moore Creek's Bridge in February of 1776; and

**WHEREAS**, during World War I, the United States Regular Army was restructured to include 286,000 regular servicemembers, 450,000 National Guard servicemembers and a 500,000-person National Army; and

**WHEREAS**, during that restructuring, Camp Bragg was established in 1918 as a 300-square-mile training center for 16,000 soldiers; by World War II, Camp Bragg was the largest post in the Army, housing approximately 60,000 soldiers; and

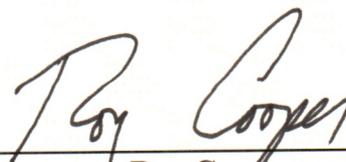
**WHEREAS**, today, Fort Bragg remains the largest United States Army installation, is home to more than 75,000 people, and encompasses more than 160,780 acres and two airfields; and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of the Army across North Carolina extends beyond Fort Bragg through the Army Research Office in Durham, the National Guard Joint Force Headquarters in Raleigh and the National Guard Air Station in Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, our state has a proud tradition of supporting all Armed Forces in their mission to defend our principles of liberty and freedom, and is the most military-friendly and veteran-friendly state in the nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2019, as the "**BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY**" 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 tenth day of June 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.