



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

ESTUARIES WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, estuaries are unique places where freshwater from rivers and streams mixes with saltwater from the ocean; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the largest estuarine system of any single state on the Atlantic coast; and

WHEREAS, estuaries provide critical habitats for abundant marine life; and

WHEREAS, estuaries support important economic sectors, including tourism, and commercial and recreational fisheries; and

WHEREAS, fish from North Carolina estuaries and coastal rivers migrate throughout the Atlantic coast to support significant commercial fisheries along the Atlantic Seaboard; and

WHEREAS, estuaries support popular recreational activities and provide a place to swim, fish, boat, and bird watch; and

WHEREAS, estuaries provide educational opportunities for learning and research, as well as citizen participation and stewardship to help sustain them as a natural resource;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – 22, 2018, as “**ESTUARIES WEEK**” 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 eleventh day of September 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.