

# State of North Carolina

# **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

2018

## BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### **A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year to commemorate December 10, 1948, as the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, when the General Assembly adopted the Declaration, with 48 member states in favor and 8 abstentions, it was proclaimed as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations, towards which individuals and societies should strive by progressive measures, national and international, to secure their universal and effective recognition and observance; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration – with its broad range of political, civil, social, cultural, and economic rights – is not a binding document, but it inspired more than 60 human rights instruments which together constitute an international standard of human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, 2018 marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the acceptance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its anniversary, and to the international celebrations commemorating Human Rights Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2018, as "**HUMAN RIGHTS 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 twenty-sixth day of November 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.