



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**2019**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, during the eighteenth century, North Carolina became home to thousands of Irish settlers who built and established communities in the Western region, eventually settling in towns and cities throughout our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the legacy of these first Irish American North Carolinians remains an important part of our state's heritage and history; and

**WHEREAS**, Irish Americans in North Carolina and throughout the United States have contributed greatly to advancing our society, economy, and political identities, helping to shape the cultural landscape of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina celebrates Irish Americans throughout history and recognizes those who have made significant contributions to our nation, including North Carolina natives such as United States Presidents James K. Polk of Pineville and Andrew Johnson of Raleigh; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is proud to be home to thousands of residents of Irish ancestry, whether first-generation Americans or descendants of the original Irish American communities in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, this month and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina celebrates Irish American heritage and encourages people to learn more about the positive impact Irish Americans have made and continue to make on North Carolina history;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2019, as **"IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH"** 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 twenty-first day of February 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.