

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LAW DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgment of our nation's and state's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1 as the annual day for the commemoration of Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated the 2019 Law Day theme to be *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society* in recognition of the cornerstones of a representative system of government established by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the individual liberties of freedom of speech and the press are among the most important foundations for a free society; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of a free society is not guaranteed, and we the people must continually act to protect these rights to ensure, as the United States Constitution proposes, "the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity"; and

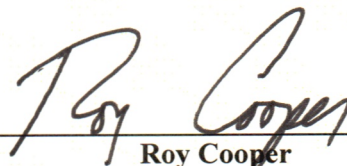
WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom is an important component in the civic education of the people of the United States and of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bar Association, with approximately 18,194 members, including approximately 5,782 members of its Young Lawyers Division, encourages North Carolina students in grades 3 through 12 to participate in law-related competitions held in conjunction with its annual Law Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and the United States are better places to live because of our strong commitment to, and tradition of, liberty and justice, and because of the contributions of dedicated members of the legal profession; this year proudly marks the 61st observance of Law Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2019, as "LAW 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 first day of May 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.