

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1868, Americans have observed Memorial Day in honor of the courageous men and women who have given their lives in defense of our great nation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians have proudly served in the Armed Forces to protect our freedoms in our nation's wars and conflicts since the American Revolution of 1776; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the third-largest military presence in the country, with more than 120,000 active duty military service members and more than 720,000 veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, more than 13,700 North Carolinians have paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending the United States in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, and Iraq; and

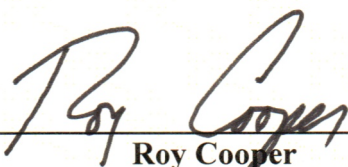
WHEREAS, today, North Carolinians continue to serve in the global War on Terror, and their vigilance makes it possible for Americans everywhere to enjoy the prosperity of our nation; and

WHEREAS, we owe the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families and loved ones a debt of gratitude, and an unwavering respect for their honor, selflessness, and courage; and

WHEREAS, on May 27 as flags are lowered to half-mast statewide, we gather in remembrance of the fallen soldiers, sailors, and marines, known and unknown, who are commemorated by historic burial fields, battle grounds, and monuments across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 27, 2019, as "**MEMORIAL 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 thirteenth 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.