

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL RESERVE DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the coastal region of North Carolina contains a number of important undeveloped estuarine areas; and

WHEREAS, these areas are vital to continued fishery and wildlife protection, water quality maintenance and improvement, preservation of unique and essential coastal and estuarine ecosystems, and protection from storms and erosion; and

WHEREAS, coastal resources contribute to our state's beautiful scenery and are central to public trust rights such as hunting, fishing, navigation, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly created the State's Coastal Reserve program in June 1989 for the purposes of education, research, and stewardship of these valuable coastal resources; and

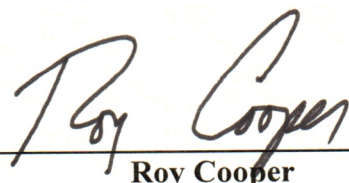
WHEREAS, the Coastal Reserve was modeled after and includes the North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve, one of 29 reserves within the National Estuarine Research Reserve System; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Coastal Reserve protects more than 44,000 acres of estuarine land and water, which provides essential habitats for wildlife; offers educational opportunities for the public; and serves as living laboratories for scientists; and

WHEREAS, June 19, 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the North Carolina Coastal Reserve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2019, as "**NORTH CAROLINA COASTAL RESERVE 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 thirtieth day of June 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.