



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA PECAN MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pecans are the only major tree nut native to North America; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is one of the top 10 pecan producing states in the nation in production of new and improved varieties, and produces 3 to 5 million pounds of pecans annually with approximately 2,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, the largest concentration of commercial pecan orchards is located in Eastern and Southeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, pecans are known not only for their delicious flavor, but also for their many health benefits; pecans are high in unsaturated fats and can be helpful in lowering cholesterol; and

WHEREAS, pecans contain more than 19 vitamins and minerals including folic acid, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, zinc, and vitamins A, B, and E; and

WHEREAS, the versatility of pecans makes them a useful ingredient in a wide variety of foods, including baked goods, candies, and ice creams; and

WHEREAS, the pecan industry is yet another part of the total diversification of North Carolina's \$87 billion agriculture and agribusiness industry;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November, 2018, as "NORTH CAROLINA PECAN MONTH" 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 October 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.