

State of North Carolina ROY COOPER GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY PATROL 90th ANNIVERSARY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every day, highway patrol troopers and personnel play the selfless roles of keeping all streets and highways safe and efficient for all drivers and passengers, despite the dangers they often encounter; and

WHEREAS, for 90 years the North Carolina State Highway Patrol has stayed true to its mission of enforcing the state's motor vehicle laws and reducing the number of collisions on North Carolina's 78,000 miles of highways; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted legislation to establish the North Carolina State Highway Patrol on March 18, 1929 and on May 20, 1929 the first highway patrol training school began at Camp Glenn near Morehead City; and

WHEREAS, of the 42 participants that completed the training 37 were sworn in as members of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol on July 1, 1929; and

WHEREAS, today the North Carolina State Highway Patrol consists of more than 1700 uniform troopers and more than 480 civilians; and

WHEREAS, 66 troopers have lost their lives in the line of duty including the first patrolman killed named George I. Thompson; and

WHEREAS, on the 90th anniversary of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, it is important to recognize and acknowledge this organization for its invaluable service to the citizens of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2019, as **"STATE HIGHWAY PATROL 90TH ANNIVERSARY DAY"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 tenth 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.