



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175th ANNIVERSARY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
AND THE CITY OF MARION**

2018

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, on December 19, 1842, the North Carolina General Assembly approved an act to establish McDowell County, named in memory of Colonel Joseph McDowell, a hero of the American Revolution who played a vital role as a leader of the Overmountain Men and at the pivotal Battle of Kings Mountain; and

WHEREAS, this act also established the creation of a town to serve as the seat of government for McDowell County, to be named Marion in memory of General Francis Marion, “the Swamp Fox,” whose heroics and military successes played a key role in our nation winning its independence during the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, McDowell County and the City of Marion are very proud of their history and have jointly observed the anniversary of their establishment since 1842, most recently celebrating their 150th anniversary in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marion and McDowell County are jointly celebrating their 175th anniversary in 2018, culminating in a week-long series of historical themed events to take place September 22 – 29; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes and congratulates McDowell County and the City of Marion on their 175th anniversary and commends them for celebrating their past while also looking toward the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 22 – 29, 2018, “**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 175th ANNIVERSARY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MARION**” 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 nineteenth day of September 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.