

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 350th ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ORIGINAL PRECINCTS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

2018

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

WHEREAS, the Albemarle section or region of northeastern North Carolina was the earliest permanently settled part of the colony; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle was divided in 1668 into Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans precincts, which became the first counties of our state; and

WHEREAS, of North Carolina's 100 counties today, 16 were part of the original Albemarle region: Bertie, Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle region has a rich history of Indigenous Peoples before European colonization and has contributed greatly to forming the social, political, and cultural ethos of our state; and

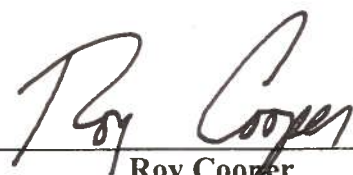
WHEREAS, the history of the Albemarle includes key events of the colonial period, including Culpeper's Rebellion in 1677, Gibbs's Rebellion in 1690, and the Cary Rebellion at the beginning of the 18th century; and

WHEREAS, throughout 2018, the 16 counties of the Albemarle have celebrated the 350th anniversary of this region and the formation of the original precincts of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins in commemorating this important milestone, recognizing the rich history and heritage of the Albemarle region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December, 2018, "**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 350th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORIGINAL PRECINCTS OF NORTH CAROLINA**" 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 twentieth day of December 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.