



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress of the United States resolved to create two battalions of Continental Marines; and

WHEREAS, commanded by Captain Samuel Nicholas, these battalions served during the War for Independence with fighting capabilities at both Land and Sea; and

WHEREAS, today, the United States Marine Corps has grown into an inclusive and diverse fighting force, with service female Marines enlisting since 1918, and African-American servicemembers first enlisting in 1942 in Montford Point, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in Havelock and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville represent the heart of Marine Corps activity on the eastern seaboard; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps have fought valiantly for the interests of this nation since before the inception of the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 182,000 active duty soldiers and 38,500 reservists proudly serve as United States Marines, with roughly 35,000 deployed worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Marine Corps motto, Semper Fidelis, represents the undying commitment of faith between the Marines and the United States, a bond that was formed November 10, 1775, and continues today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2018, as **“UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY”** 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.