



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

YEAR OF MUSIC

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolinians made groundbreaking contributions to many of America's most important musical genres – blues, bluegrass, old-time, jazz, gospel, funk, rock, and more; and

WHEREAS, many North Carolina musicians, including John Coltrane, Nina Simone, Thelonious Monk, Billy Taylor, and Max Roach in jazz; banjo and guitar innovators Earl Scruggs and Doc Watson; Piedmont blues greats Elizabeth Cotten, Blind Boy Fuller, and Etta Baker; gospel titans Reverend Faircloth Barnes and Shirley Caesar; funk architects Maceo and Melvin Parker, Nat Jones, and George Clinton; and rock, pop, and country artists Link Wray, Roberta Flack, James Taylor, and Don Gibson, among others, have made outstanding contributions to our state and nation's musical legacy; and

WHEREAS, nearly 25,000 North Carolinians work in music occupations, including musicians and singers, music directors, composers and songwriters, instrument makers, producers, conductors, event and venue promoters, recording engineers and record label owners – enriching our cultural life in addition to adding significantly to North Carolina's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, our African American and Blue Ridge music traditions are internationally recognized through cultural trails that were among the first in the country to focus on music, and which attract visitors from across the country and world; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Arts Council has supported classical music, opera, jazz, blues, bluegrass, gospel and sacred, beach music, pow-wow, hip-hop, rock, and indie for more than fifty years through grants to arts organizations and artists; created the North Carolina Heritage Award to recognize traditional musicians; developed cultural tourism music trails; established Traditional Arts Programs for Students (TAPS), which matches master musicians with young learners to sustain our state's grassroots music heritage; and created an environment where all forms of music are supported and nurtured; and

WHEREAS, the arts have been designated a part of the core curriculum in American education, and music is taught to students participating in marching and jazz bands, choirs, vocal ensembles and orchestras by nearly 3,000 K–12 music teachers; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Symphony is the first state funded symphony orchestra in the nation and performs 175 annual concerts and events throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources nurtures the cultural life of our state through support of libraries, which make thousands of recordings and publications about music accessible to our communities; historic sites where many public programs feature North Carolina music; the North Carolina Arts Council and the North Carolina Symphony; the Office of Archives and History, which oversees state historical markers, several of which honor musicians; the North Carolina Museum of Art and the North Carolina Museum of History, where music is often a feature of their programs; and the State Archives, where papers, records and other documentation related to our state's musical history are preserved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim 2019 as the "YEAR OF MUSIC" 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 November 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.