



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

**2020**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Hispanic Heritage Month, established nationally in 1988 by Public Law 100-402, recognizes the contributions and influence of the Hispanic, Latino, and Latinx communities to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout September, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, and Chile celebrate the anniversaries of their independence; and

**WHEREAS**, in North Carolina, we take this time each year to recognize the monumental impact that Hispanic and Latino communities have had on the cultural fabric of our state and nation, as well as their meaningful contributions to social and economic progress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic and Latino community of North Carolina are integral to the growth and development of our state, bolstering the economy as business leaders and entrepreneurs, cultivating a strong agricultural industry, enriching our schools and education system, and serving as leaders in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 30 years, the Hispanic population has grown dramatically; today, approximately 10 percent of North Carolinians are Hispanic, with a median age of only 25 years, indicating that this community will continue to grow and flourish; and

**WHEREAS**, the national theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, *Hispanics: Be Proud of your Past and Embrace the Future* is a chance for members of Hispanic and Latino communities to reflect on the traditions and customs that have been passed down to them, and offers future generations the opportunity to learn from their rich cultural history; and

**WHEREAS**, the history, culture, art, food, music, and traditions that define the lives of Hispanic people in North Carolina are integral to every aspect of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to shaping our past, Hispanic people are helping to define our future, serving in both the public and private sectors, in our country's military, as elected officials and civic leaders, and as community advocates; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud of our diverse population, and encourages people to celebrate our Hispanic community by participating in events held to commemorate this special occasion;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2020, as "**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**" 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 eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.