

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

AMERICAN WIND WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's first utility-scale wind energy facility, Amazon Wind Farm US East, has the largest capacity (208 megawatts) of any wind energy facility in the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's strong wind energy supply chain includes at least 55 companies, which contribute to the manufacturing or maintenance of nacelles, turbine blades and rotors, towers and foundations; provide professional and field services; and perform research, education, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the wind industry has invested \$330 million of private capital in North Carolina wind energy generation projects, manufacturing plants, and supply chain operations; and

WHEREAS, the Amazon Wind Farm US East generates more than \$624,000 in annual lease payments to landowners and contributed more than any other taxpayer in Perquimans County or Pasquotank County in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory determined that North Carolina has the second-highest offshore wind energy potential of any state in the nation—an estimated 600 terawatt-hours/year; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management identified three Wind Energy Areas (WEA) off the North Carolina coast suitable for wind energy development, including the Kitty Hawk WEA, which was leased for more than \$9 million at auction in 2017; and

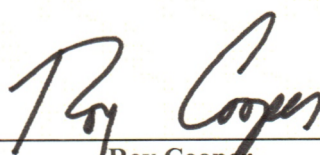
WHEREAS, North Carolina has nearly 900 full-time wind energy jobs, and developing North Carolina's offshore wind industry presents a potential new source of state and local revenue as well as workforce and economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Clean Energy Plan initiated by the Department of Commerce in May 2020 set forth several offshore wind goals which include conducting an assessment of the state's supply chain and port infrastructure as it pertains to the offshore wind industry; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to observe American Wind Week by learning about and celebrating wind energy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 9-15, 2020, as "AMERICAN WIND WEEK" 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 seventh day of August 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.