

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**DAY OF GUATEMALA**

**2020**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to a vibrant and growing community of people of Guatemalan origin and ancestry; according to a 2017 study by the Pew Research Center, an increasing number of Guatemalan immigrants are choosing to call North Carolina home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guatemalan community in North Carolina enriches our state's daily cultural, economic, and civic life through a continuous infusion of art, tradition, and skills; and

**WHEREAS**, in Guatemala, November 1<sup>st</sup> is traditionally celebrated as All Saints Day, a cherished and important holiday to pay respects to the deceased; this day is characterized by lively exhibition, artistic expression, and amazing food; and

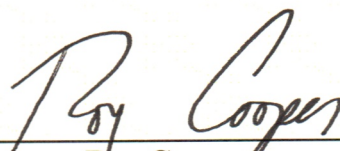
**WHEREAS**, North Carolina, in partnership with the Consulate General of Guatemala, will host the annual Day of Guatemala on All Saints Day; this year, in compliance with COVID-19 safety protocols, the North Carolina Museum of Art will be hosting a virtual event, which will include a program full of music, art, and celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, this important day will also mark the third anniversary of the inauguration of the Consulate General of Guatemala in Raleigh; the Consulate General is a valuable community resource that promotes greater understanding and partnership with the local Guatemalan community in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is honored by our growing Guatemalan community, and encourages residents across our state to embrace the increasingly diverse cultures and people that have come to call North Carolina home;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2020, as "**DAY OF GUATEMALA**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**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-ninth day of October 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.