

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY**

**2020**

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

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October 6 as German-American Day to honor the 300th anniversary of the first German settlers to the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, after approval by the United States Congress, S.J. resolution 108 – designating October 6, 1987, as German-American Day – became public law 100-104 when signed by President Reagan on August 18, 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, the German-American community's long and deeply-rooted legacy in North Carolina dates to the 1580s as part of Sir Walter Raleigh's second expedition; furthermore, the eighteenth century found the British Crown settling 100 German families in New Bern; and

**WHEREAS**, German Moravians established Old Salem, and German-Americans in North Carolina established Catawba College, North Carolina College, and the Mount Amoena Female Seminary; and

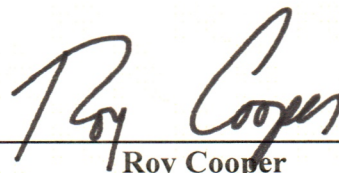
**WHEREAS**, more than one million Americans of German descent call North Carolina home; and

**WHEREAS**, the German-American community has made innumerable contributions to the fields of education, the arts, medicine, science, and military excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is proud to recognize October 6 as German-American Day to celebrate the contributions made by this great and proud people to both our state and nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2020, as **"GERMAN-AMERICAN DAY"** 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 thirtieth 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.