

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

GOLD STAR MOTHERS' DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, a Gold Star Mother has a son or daughter that died during active service in the United States military during a period of war or hostilities in which the Armed Forces of the United States were engaged; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 1936 Congress, by joint resolution, designated the last Sunday in September as Gold Star Mothers' Day, to be observed each year by Presidential Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has a long and proud tradition of supporting the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to some of the world's finest military installations, to include Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Army Base Fort Bragg, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and the Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City; and

WHEREAS, thousands of North Carolinians have sacrificed their lives for the safety, freedom, and security of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of Americans serve in the military, and we have an obligation to honor the valor, courage, and honor of those who have fought so valiantly on our behalf; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to be considered one of the most military and veteran friendly states in the nation, and home to thousands of active service members, veterans, and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2020, as "**GOLD STAR MOTHERS' 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 sixteenth 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.