

# State of North Carolina

## **ROY COOPER**

**GOVERNOR** 

#### THE KOREAN WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY

2020

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Korean War, often referred to as "The Forgotten War," which lasted over three years, from June 25, 1950 until July 27, 1953; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, roughly 170,000 North Carolinians answered the call to serve during this war; and

**WHEREAS,** as of September 2017, there were more than 41,000 living Korean War veterans from North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, our state is honored to be the home of these courageous veterans who continue to serve as valuable members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, many of our nation's veterans bear permanent physical and mental scars from their time in the Armed Forces, and continue to face derision, neglect, and mistreatment despite their stellar service; and

**WHEREAS**, it is our duty as North Carolinians to honor and support the men and women who have put service before self, and to keep the memories of their sacrifice and service alive; and

WHEREAS, today is an opportunity to commemorate the nearly 800 North Carolinians killed in the line of duty during the Korean War, who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect and honor their home state and nation; we are also reminded to recommit ourselves to honoring the veterans living in communities throughout our state today; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who served the United States and North Carolina during the Korean War deserve the utmost respect and gratitude from their fellow Americans for their heroic and selfless actions;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2020, as "THE KOREAN WAR REMEMBRANCE DAY" 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 twenty-third day of June 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-fourth.