

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LAW DAY

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgment of our nation's and state's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1 as the annual day for the commemoration of Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated the 2020 Law Day theme to be *Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100* in celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution which guarantees and protects women's constitutional right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote by all citizens is an integral component of our governmental system and is among the most important foundations for a free society; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of our constitutional democracy is not self-executing, and we the people must continually act to ensure that all citizens have a voice and equal access to participate in the democratic process; and

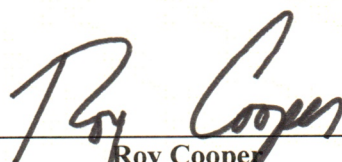
WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the full and equal exercise of the right to vote by all citizens is an important component in the civic education of the people of the United States and of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Bar Association, with approximately 18,510 members, including 6,147 members of its Young Lawyers Division, encourages North Carolina students in grades three through twelve to participate in law-related competitions held in conjunction with its annual Law Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and the United States are better places to live because of our strong commitment to, and tradition of, liberty and justice, and because of the contributions of dedicated members of the legal profession; this year proudly marks the 62nd observance of Law Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2020, as "LAW 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 first day of May 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.