



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 2015, the United States Senate designated the first week in November as National Veterans Small Business Week by resolution; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 800,000 active duty military service members, veterans, and their families, representing nearly 10 percent of our state's population; and

WHEREAS, veterans and their families are essential to the growth and development of North Carolina's economy and our communities; and

WHEREAS, veteran entrepreneurship is an economic boon across our state and the entire nation; nearly 2.5 million American businesses are veteran-owned, employing six million people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, there are more than 80,000 veteran-owned businesses, contributing around \$34 billion annually to our local communities and economies; and

WHEREAS, Military Veterans Small Business Week is dedicated to supporting North Carolina's veteran entrepreneurs, and encouraging consumers to purchase goods and services from our local veteran-owned businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 5 – 9, 2020, as "**NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS SMALL BUSINESS WEEK**" 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-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.