

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA WILDFLOWER WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to a vast array of wildflowers that define our state and provide a sense of place and regional identity; and

WHEREAS, wildflowers serve an important purpose to our ecosystem, helping to conserve water, reduce mowing costs, protect the soil, and decrease the use of fertilizers and pesticides; in addition, they provide food and habitats for birds, butterflies, and other pollinators and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, wildflowers are a potential source of food and can have medicinal properties; and

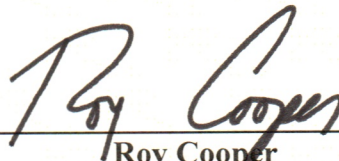
WHEREAS, North American wildflowers are disappearing at an alarming rate due to human activity such as urban development and the introduction of invasive plant species; and

WHEREAS, the loss of wildflowers can cause reductions in wildlife habitat, less genetic diversity, and unbalanced ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the importance of protecting our wildflowers and encourages residents to help raise awareness and educate others about protection and conservation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 3 – 9, 2020, as “**NORTH CAROLINA WILDFLOWER 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 thirtieth day of April 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.