



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PEACH MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina peaches are grown on 1,200 acres and account for nearly \$4 million in annual farm income, according to the 2017 agricultural statistics from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

WHEREAS, peach production in North Carolina is concentrated in the Sandhills region of the state, with additional acreage in western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's climate and soil conditions allow for an extended harvest period across the state, from the mountains to the coast; and

WHEREAS, full cling, semi-cling and freestone varieties allow North Carolinians to enjoy fresh peaches all summer; and

WHEREAS, peaches are a nutritious snack with large amounts of vitamin A as well as healthy amounts of calcium, iron and vitamin C; and

WHEREAS, peaches are the perfect addition to ice creams, sherbets, jams, jellies, pies and countless other desserts; and

WHEREAS, the industry also provides employment for many North Carolinians as well as supplemental income for rural families who farm on a part-time basis; and

WHEREAS, the peach industry is yet another part of the total diversification of agriculture in North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 2019, as "**PEACH MONTH**" 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 nineteenth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-third