



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

PHILIP FREELON APPRECIATION DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Philip Freelon was an innovative architect and teacher of design, a passionate advocate for the arts, a dedicated member of his Durham, North Carolina community, and a loving husband, father and grandfather to his family; and

WHEREAS, he established his legacy through groundbreaking architecture and created acclaimed civic and cultural projects throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as lead architect for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture and many other projects, Philip Freelon continuously celebrated culture, fostered community, and advocated for inclusivity within the field of design and architecture; and

WHEREAS, Philip Freelon was a professor at the MIT Department of Architecture and an adjunct faculty member at North Carolina State University's College of Design; he also lectured at numerous colleges and universities across the country; and

WHEREAS, his expertise extended to serving on several design award juries including the National AIA Institute Honor Awards Jury and the National Endowment for the Arts Design Stewardship Panel; and

WHEREAS, Philip Freelon made tremendous contributions to North Carolina, including his design for the Durham Bulls Athletic Park and four properties at North Carolina Central University, as well as through founding the Northstar Church of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the life of Philip Freelon, together with his friends and family, and honor his legacy that will live on for generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2019, as "PHILIP FREELON APPRECIATION 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-seventh day of September 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-fourth.