



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in January 1944, at the request of the United States War Refugee Board, the government of Sweden sent Raoul Wallenberg as its representative to Hungary to organize rescue operations for the Hungarian Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, with extraordinary courage and skill, Wallenberg managed to save the lives of tens of thousands of men, women, and children during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Wallenberg risked his own life countless times rescuing Jewish people from trains bound for Auschwitz, supplying food and blankets to those on death marches, creating Swedish Safe Houses, and unflinchingly challenging Nazi authorities; and

WHEREAS, in January 1945, Wallenberg was imprisoned by the occupying Soviet forces in Hungary, violating his diplomatic immunity and international law; his ultimate fate remains unknown, but some accounts suggest he died at Lubyanka prison approximately two years later; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1981, Wallenberg became the second person in history to be awarded Honorary U.S. Citizenship, recognizing him as an incomparable example and inspiration to all who fight for justice; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, United States Congress posthumously awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg for saving tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews during the Holocaust;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2019, as "**RAOUL WALLENBERG 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 October 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.