



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

INTERNATIONAL DIVERSITY MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, International Focus, Incorporated, the host of the International Festival of Raleigh, works with the U.S. State Department to bring delegations from around the world to North Carolina so they may experience our great state through education, cultural exchange, arts, and the celebration of achievements; and

WHEREAS, since 1986 the International Festival of Raleigh has been dedicated to serving North Carolina's international communities; and

WHEREAS, the International Festival of Raleigh promotes American ideals through cross-cultural communication, education, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 foreign-born North Carolina residents become naturalized United States citizens at the opening ceremony of the International Festival of Raleigh each year; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20,000 participants and attendees gather annually in Raleigh to make their communities stronger through links of friendship with their multicultural neighbors; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is proud to host the 33rd International Festival of Raleigh this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as **"INTERNATIONAL DIVERSITY 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 twenty-eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.