



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, established nationally in 1988 by Public Law 100-402, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the culture, history, and achievements of Hispanic people, particularly recognizing Latinos, Latinx, and Hispanic and Latin American people in the United States for their many contributions to American society; and

WHEREAS, throughout September, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversaries of their independence; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, we take this time each year to recognize the social, cultural, and economic impact the Hispanic and Latino communities have had on our way of life and on the development of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latino people are part of the fabric of North Carolina, enriching our schools and education system; bolstering the economy as business owners, employers, and entrepreneurs; and contributing to the overall growth and progress of our state; and

WHEREAS, over the last 30 years, the Hispanic population has grown dramatically; today, 9.5 percent of North Carolinians are Hispanic, with a median age of only 24 years, indicating that this community will continue to grow and flourish; and

WHEREAS, the national theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, *One Endless Voice to Enhance Our Traditions*, recognizes the ongoing cultural influences shared both among the diverse populations of Latino and Hispanic people, and between these communities and all people of our state; and

WHEREAS, the history, culture, art, food, music, and traditions that define the lives of Latinos, Latinx, and Hispanic and Latin American people in North Carolina are integral to every aspect of our society; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud of our diverse population, and encourages people to celebrate our Hispanic community by participating in events held to commemorate this special occasion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2018, as "**HISPANIC HERITAGE 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 eleventh 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.