



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD**

**2021**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 1907, the United States Army Signal Corps created an Aeronautical Division to take "charge of all matters pertaining to military ballooning, air machines and all kindred subjects."; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Security Act of 1947 reorganized the Air Force as its own separate and equal branch of the Armed Forces on September 18, 1947 creating the Air National Guard as a reserve component of the United States Air Force; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Air National Guard can trace its origins back to March 15, 1948 with the establishment of the 156th Fighter Squadron; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has nearly 10,000 men and women proudly serving our nation as Airmen on either active duty, reserve status, or in our Air National Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is the proud home of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, Pope Army Airfield in Fayetteville, and the North Carolina Air National Guard bases in New London and Charlotte; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Air Force and Air National Guard play a critical role in defending our nation's skies and ensuring our continued freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina proudly recognizes the contributions and sacrifices made by our outstanding Airmen, and desires to recognize that service in keeping our reputation as one of the most military-friendly states in the nation;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2021, as the "**BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD**" 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 eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.