



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

FLAG DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Americans will observe Flag Day on June 14, 2023, a traditional time to honor the nation's symbol of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Flag Resolution of 1777 determined that the flag of the then thirteen United States would bear thirteen stripes, alternating red and white, with a blue field filled with thirteen white stars; the first celebration of the American flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of its inception; and

WHEREAS, in 1916, this anniversary became a nationally observed event through a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson, and in 1949, June 14 was designated National Flag Day by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, today, Flag Day is celebrated with parades, essay contests, ceremonies, and picnics sponsored by veterans' groups, schools, and other organizations to recognize the traditions, history, pride, and respect that Old Glory represents; and

WHEREAS, on Flag Day, we honor the servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have made sacrifices to protect the freedoms that are symbolized by the American Flag; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina joins the nation in celebrating Flag Day and commemorating our nation's flag for the hope it inspires in the American people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2023, as "**FLAG 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 eighth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.