



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

THE HOME OF AMERICAN GOLF

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Pinehurst is known by many as “The Home of American Golf”; and

WHEREAS, the World Golf Hall of Fame is back where it belongs in the Cradle of American Golf in Pinehurst, NC; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to 520 golf courses, generating \$2.3 billion in direct spending and a total economic impact of \$4.2 billion in the state, including nearly 53,000 jobs and total wage income of \$1.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, the world-famous Pinehurst Resort is home to 10 pristine, championship-caliber golf courses, the delightfully challenging “Thistle Dhu” putting course and a deceptively tricky par-3 course entitled “The Cradle”; and

WHEREAS, for the fourth time, the U.S. Open Championship will return to Pinehurst’s storied No. 2 course on June 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the groundskeepers and dewsweepers of Pinehurst No. 2 will spend long hours preparing the grounds to ensure the course provides a pristine setting for golf’s toughest test; and

WHEREAS, Pinehurst No. 2, the first anchor site of the US Open, is set to host four additional U.S. Open Championships in the next quarter-century; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Open is an annual golf tournament held yearly established in 1895; and

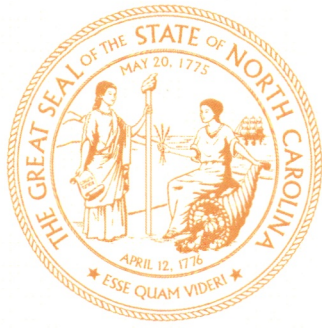
WHEREAS, more than 10,000 (or 10,052) brave souls from across the globe attempted to qualify for the privilege to tee it up in this year’s tournament, known as “Golf’s Toughest Test;” and

WHEREAS, golf’s brightest stars will gather from around the globe in the North Carolina Sandhills to battle for the coveted sterling silver U.S. Open Championship Trophy and golden Jack Nicklaus Medal; and

WHEREAS, the eyes of the sporting world will be trained on all 196 acres of Pinehurst No. 2 from Thursday till Sunday; and

WHEREAS, every inch of the 7,540-yard, par 70 behemoth that is Pinehurst No. 2 provides a unique challenge; and

WHEREAS, Donald Ross’ turtleback greens and singular vision for No. 2 have produced legendary play across 10 major tournaments; and



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WHEREAS, history, sacrifice and triumph are woven into every blade of grass and embedded in every grain of sand on these grounds; and

WHEREAS, greatness will be in the balance all week long; and

WHEREAS, fans of the most passionate and devoted variety will flock from across North Carolina, our country and the world to witness this competition of epic proportions at these hallowed grounds; and

WHEREAS, those who watch will surely not be disappointed; and

WHEREAS, anticipation and tension reside within the eerie quiet preceding each tee shot and putt; and

WHEREAS, some of the most spectacular moments in the history of golf have occurred on these fairways and greens; and

WHEREAS, many will enter the fray on Thursday but only one will emerge triumphant in the Sunday twilight; and

WHEREAS, minds will be tested and a champion will be forged; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 16, 2024, a major champion will be crowned and a new chapter written in the history books of American golf;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, 75th Governor of the great State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Pinehurst **“THE HOME OF AMERICAN GOLF.”**



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 sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.