



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, between 1680 and 1815, North Carolina became home to thousands of Irish immigrants, with communities being built and established across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, these Catholic settlers, known as Ulster Scots, came to the Cape Fear River region of North Carolina around 1739, along the Black River in what is present-day Pender County; and

**WHEREAS**, today, North Carolina has the largest percentage of Scots-Irish ancestry of any state, with 2.9 percent of the population claiming the heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina celebrates Irish Americans throughout history, and salutes those that have made such significant contributions to our state and our country; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina recognizes the importance of preserving and sharing the stories of Irish American pioneers, leaders, and residents who have played pivotal roles in shaping our state's history; and

**WHEREAS**, this month and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina honors the heritage of Irish Americans and encourages residents to learn more about the positive impact Irish Americans have made and continue to make in North Carolina history;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March, 2024, as “**IRISH AMERICAN 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 sixth day of March 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.