

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE MONTH

AND

MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mexico had been under Spanish rule for three centuries when, on September 16, 1810, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rallied and united the people of Mexico towards independence; and

WHEREAS, each year, Mexicans throughout the world gather to celebrate and reflect upon the history and individuals that led to and shaped their nation's independence; and

WHEREAS, each year, *Mes Patrio*, Mexico's Independence Month, is celebrated throughout September, and Mexico's Independence Day and freedom on September 16; and


WHEREAS, North Carolina is a culturally diverse state, and is proud to be home to many residents of Mexican heritage; among all North Carolina Hispanic or Latino residents, including those born in the United States, 54 percent identify Mexican as their primary ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has been increasingly shaped by the economic, social, and cultural contributions of the Mexican community; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages residents across the state to join in celebrating the remarkable history and heritage of Mexican Independence, and wishes all who celebrate a happy *Mes Patrio*;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2024, as "**MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE MONTH**" and September 16, 2024, as "**MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE 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 twenty-third day of August 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-ninth.