



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MEXICO INDEPENDENCE MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on September 16 in the year 1810, after being under Spanish rule for three centuries, Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla sparked the fight to unite the citizens of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, each year individuals of Mexican ancestry throughout the world gather to celebrate and reflect upon the history and individuals which allowed for their nation's independence; and

WHEREAS, each year "Mes Patrio," Mexico's Independence Month, is celebrated September 1 – 30 and Mexico's independence and freedom is celebrated on September 16th; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina openly welcomes and supports its cultural diversity, and is home to many Mexican identifying residents; and

WHEREAS, 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, we are further inspired by the economic, social, and cultural contributions of the Mexican community within North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, we understand that although this binational recognition lasts each year for one month, we work throughout the year to create a more socially and culturally-inclusive and diverse society with equality for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2023, as "**MEXICO INDEPENDENCE 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 thirtieth day of August 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-eighth.