



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for generations, North Carolinians have proudly served our nation during times of conflict and peace; and

WHEREAS, our brave servicemen and women, their families, and loved ones have made immeasurable sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the largest populated Army base in the world and largest military presence in the nation, and this military presence has an annual economic impact of \$80 billion that supports 653,000 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, more than 115,000 active-duty military personnel, 20,000 National Guard and Reserve service members, an estimated 800,000 military veterans, and their families live in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, these servicemembers and veterans are true leaders in our communities who impart courage, honor, valor, and dignity to their fellow North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, during Military Appreciation Month, we are reminded of the essential role that the United States Armed Forces have played in the history and development of North Carolina, our great nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Military Affairs and the people of North Carolina deem it is our responsibility this month and throughout the year, to honor, support, and recognize our North Carolina servicemembers and veterans, and remember with deep gratitude those who have given their lives in defense of our freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2024, as “**MILITARY APPRECIATION 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 April 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.