

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

2025

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 and their families and loved ones have made immeasurable sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

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

**WHEREAS**, more than 120,000 military service members, including more than 35,000 National Guard and Reserve service members, more than 680,000 military veterans, and more than 200,000 military family members lived in North Carolina in 2024; and

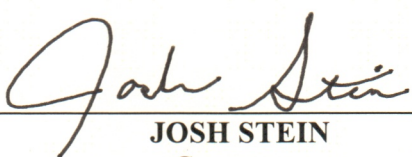
**WHEREAS**, these servicemembers and veterans are true leaders in our communities who impart courage, honor, valor, and dignity to their fellow North Carolinians; and

**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 and Veterans 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 service members, veterans, and their families and remember with deep gratitude those who have given their lives in defense of our freedom;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as “**MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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**JOSH STEIN**  
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 second day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.