

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL TENNIS MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 1881, the USTA, originally known as the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, was founded in New York City, New York, to create rules and standards for the emerging game of lawn tennis; and

**WHEREAS**, the USTA is the nonprofit national governing body for tennis in the United States and leads the promotion and growth of the sport at every level of play, from beginners to professionals at the US Open; and

**WHEREAS**, the USTA is the largest tennis organization in the world, with more than 550,000 members from every corner of the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the USTA proudly partners with local tennis programs to showcase the important health, social, and educational benefits of tennis and makes the sport available to everyone, regardless of age, environment, condition, or ability, through its USTA Adaptive grants; and

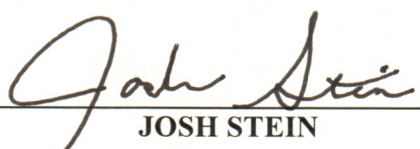
**WHEREAS**, the latest research by the Physical Activity Council shows that more than 25.7 million Americans played tennis in 2024, a 46 percent increase in participation since 2019 and the highest number of players since the PAC study began in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, by increasing the accessibility of tennis for North Carolina of all ages and abilities, the USTA has contributed in making North Carolina communities happier and healthier; and

**WHEREAS**, USTA has declared the month of May as National Tennis Month to encourage players, organizations, facilities, retailers, tennis manufacturers, and more to promote local programs and activities at parks and facilities, to showcase tennis and spread the word about the sport and its benefits, and to help players and non-players alike find courts and play opportunities in their communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as “**NATIONAL TENNIS 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 first 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.