

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the City of Wilmington are pleased to host the 76th Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival; and

WHEREAS, this proud North Carolina tradition draws visitors to our port city year after year to enjoy the beauty of nature, entertainment, a street fair, a parade, and riverfront attractions; and

WHEREAS, in addition to stunning floral displays, the North Carolina Azalea Festival celebrates the arts and history of Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Azalea Festival, in the spirit of being a festival for all North Carolinians and guests, has chosen Mexico as its honored country for the inaugural Azalea Festival "International Blooms" program; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Azalea Festival promotes our tourism industry and encourages visitors to explore what makes our state a wonderful place to live from the mountains to the coast;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 12 – 16, 2023, as "**NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL**" 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 seventeenth day of March 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-seventh.