

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

## **NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL WEEK**

**2025**

**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 78th Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival; and

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

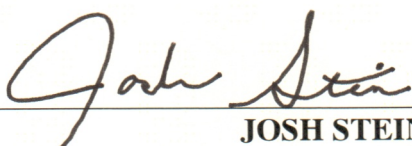
**WHEREAS**, in addition to showcasing stunning floral displays, the North Carolina Azalea Festival celebrates Wilmington's rich arts, culture, and historical heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Azalea Festival, in the spirit of being a festival for all North Carolinians and guests, has chosen Nigeria as this year's featured country through the "International Blooms" program, fostering cultural appreciation and global connection; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Azalea Festival promotes North Carolina's tourism industry and encourages visitors to explore the unparalleled beauty and diversity that make our state a wonderful place to live, from the majestic mountains to the scenic coast;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2-6, 2025, as "**NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL WEEK**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
**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 April 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.