



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF

THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF HARRISBURG

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the town was originally called Query's Quarter and settled as early as 1791, as recorded by the newly-elected President George Washington in his diary while passing through the southern states by stagecoach; and

WHEREAS, the town's name change derived from the family of Robert Harris and his descendants, landowners from whom the right-of-way was purchased for the construction of the railroad in the 1850s; the town was known as Harris Depot until 1874, and after the first post office was constructed, the town was officially renamed to Harrisburg; and

WHEREAS, historically, the railroad played a significant role in the town's development, with the first retail establishment opening before the Civil War and many more following along the rail line; and

WHEREAS, the act to incorporate the Town of Harrisburg was ratified March 28, 1973 by the General Assembly of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1973, the first meeting of the Harrisburg Town Council was held with the following duly appointed Temporary Officers – Mayor Martha H. Marks; Joe L. Sims; Walter L. Hefner, Jr.; Marshall R. Queen; O.C. Towell; Larry M. Lewis; Bobby J. Sides; and Boyce O. Jenkins; and

WHEREAS, the town's close proximity to Concord and Charlotte has bolstered its economic viability and growing population; today, Harrisburg embraces smart growth while remaining committed to its small town values and providing amenities and a superior quality of life to its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2023, as a day "IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF HARRISBURG" 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 sixth day of June 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.