



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF

THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCEAN CITY BEACH COMMUNITY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Ocean City Beach was established in 1949 as a pioneering community during a time of segregation, becoming a beacon of resilience, unity, and progress; and

WHEREAS, the community was founded by and for African Americans as a place where their families and other African Americans could own beachfront property, gather, and enjoy recreation in the spirit of freedom and equality; and

WHEREAS, the community has been the site of significant cultural, social, and civil rights contributions in the broad struggle for equality and justice within the United States, fostering a strong sense of identity and purpose while serving as a sanctuary of heritage and pride among its residents and visitors for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Ocean City Beach residents have made rich social, cultural, and economic contributions to the fabric of our County and State, showcasing the enduring spirit of innovation and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, the 75th anniversary is a momentous occasion to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and continue to envision a future of growth, unity, and achievement for the Ocean City Beach Community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 5, 2024, as **"IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCEAN CITY BEACH COMMUNITY"** 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 third day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.