

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW DAY

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes the importance of commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence; a milestone that embodies our nation's founding ideals of equality, liberty, and justice; and

WHEREAS, on April 18 and 19, 1775, Paul Revere undertook a perilous midnight ride to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock of the impending British troop movements, a pivotal moment that helped ignite the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Revere's famous ride was preceded by the hanging of two lanterns in the Old North Church steeple, signaling "two if by sea" to indicate the British's approach by water; a code that has become an enduring symbol of American vigilance and preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the actions of Revere and fellow riders William Dawes and Dr. Samuel Prescott led to the Battles of Lexington and Concord, marking the beginning of armed conflict in the American Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina pledges its support of the America 250 NC Commemoration and encourages participation in community events and programs that promote patriotism, unity, and reflection on our collective history; and

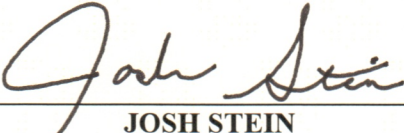
WHEREAS, the "Two Lights for Tomorrow" initiative, a nationwide campaign to commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States of America, unites us in remembrance of our shared history, honoring the sacrifices made by those who fought for our independence and the values we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, as part of the national initiative "Two Lights for Tomorrow," North Carolina will display two lights in the North Carolina State Capitol on April 18, 2025, to honor and draw inspiration from Paul Revere's historic ride, to unite Americans in reflection, celebration, and service; and

WHEREAS, state agencies, local counties and municipalities are encouraged to participate by displaying two lights in a prominent building on April 18, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, April 18, 2025, as **"TWO LIGHTS FOR TOMORROW DAY"** 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 eighth 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.