



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard has a long and proud history of service to our nation, including in North Carolina, from Base Elizabeth City to other points along our coast; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard is dedicated to saving lives at sea and enforcing the nation's maritime laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard is one of the oldest organizations in the federal government, and until the Navy Department was established in 1798, it served as the nation's only armed force afloat; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Coast Guard was established on August 4, 1790, when Congress authorized the formation of ten vessels to enforce federal tariff and trade laws to prevent smuggling; until the establishment of the United States Navy in 1798, the Coast Guard also maintained maritime navigational aids, including the nation's lighthouses, and inspected and licensed ships; and

**WHEREAS**, initially known as the Revenue Marine and Revenue Cutter Service, the name was changed in 1915 to the United States Coast Guard; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coast Guard's approximately 40,500 members ensure our nation's maritime safety, and have served proudly in every one of our nation's conflicts; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2003, the Coast Guard has operated as part of the Department of Homeland Security, serving as the nation's front-line agency for enforcing the nation's laws at sea, saving lives, protecting the marine environment, and guarding the nation's vast coastline and ports;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 4, 2023, as "**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BIRTHDAY**" 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 first day of August 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-eighth.