

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

## UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the formation of two battalions of Continental Marines; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Marines have served with distinction in every conflict since their founding, holding true to their heritage of "any clime and place"; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is currently home to approximately 40,000 active-duty Marines and 1,000 reserve Marines that proudly defend the freedoms enjoyed by North Carolinians throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point and Marine Corps Air Station New River represent a critical role in the Marine Corps mission on the Eastern seaboard; and

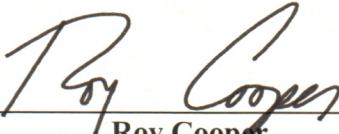
**WHEREAS**, Montford Point served as the recruit depot for African American Marines when they were allowed to enlist in 1942, representing a major milestone in the Civil Rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, today, we seek to honor and celebrate the founding of the United States Marine Corps and wish the Corps a heartfelt happy birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina encourages all residents, businesses, organizations, leaders, and elected officials to continue their strong support of the United States Marine Corps and their ongoing mission to ensure our freedom;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2024, as "**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 seventh day of November 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-ninth.