



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WALLACE BROTHERS HERBARIUM DAY

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the mid-19th century, David and Isaac Wallace, antebellum Jewish immigrants from Bavaria who settled in Statesville, established the largest herbarium in the world; and

WHEREAS, they supplied botanical material to more than 100 local distilleries and pharmaceutical factories, opened markets across America and Europe, and shipped ginseng by the ton to China; and

WHEREAS, among the institutions holding Wallace specimens in their botanical collections are the Smithsonian Institution, Harvard University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the North Carolina Museum of History; and

WHEREAS, Wallace herb displays were the centerpiece of North Carolina exhibits at the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia and the 1878 Paris Exposition, winning gold medals, as well as being exhibited at the 1893 Chicago and the 1904 St. Louis World's Fairs; and

WHEREAS, the Wallace brothers and their descendants were founders of Statesville's Temple Emanuel, organizers of Statesville's public schools, and civic leaders and benefactors across the city and state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 15, 2023, as "**WALLACE BROTHERS HERBARIUM DAY**" 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 fifteenth day of October 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.