

# State of North Carolina

**JOSH STEIN**  
GOVERNOR

**FLAG DAY**

**2026**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Americans have long observed Flag Day on June 14 as a time to honor our nation's symbol of freedom and democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flag Resolution of 1777 determined that the flag of the then-13 Colonies of the United States would bear 13 stripes, alternating red and white, with a blue field filled with 13 white stars; and

**WHEREAS**, the first celebration of the American flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of its inception; in 1916, this anniversary became a nationally observed event through a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson, which was followed by the designation of National Flag Day by Congress on June 14, 1949; and

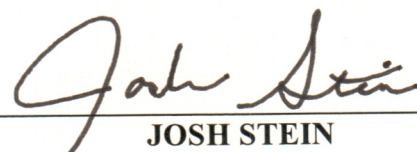
**WHEREAS**, today Flag Day is celebrated with parades, essay contests, ceremonies, and picnics sponsored by veterans' groups and other organizations to recognize the traditions, history, pride, and respect that Old Glory represents; and

**WHEREAS**, on Flag Day, we honor the servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have made sacrifices to protect the freedoms that are symbolized by the American Flag; and

**WHEREAS**, as we continue to commemorate America's 250th anniversary, the State of North Carolina joins the country in celebrating Flag Day and commemorating our Nation's emblem for the hope it still inspires in the American people;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 14, 2026, as "**FLAG DAY**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.



  
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**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 twenty-sixth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-sixth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.