

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for generations, North Carolinians have proudly served our nation during times of conflict and peace; and

WHEREAS, our brave servicemen and women, their families, and their loved ones have made immeasurable sacrifices to protect the freedoms we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the largest populated Army base in the world and the fourth-largest military presence in the nation, and the military presence in North Carolina has an annual economic impact of \$80 billion and supports 653,000 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, more than 136,000 active-duty military service members – including more than 40,000 National Guard and Reserve service members – nearly 148,000 military family members, and more than 680,000 military Veterans live in North Carolina as of 2025; and

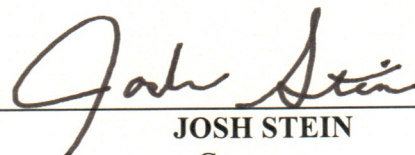
WHEREAS, these service members and Veterans are true leaders in our communities who impart courage, honor, valor, and dignity to their fellow North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, during Military Appreciation Month, we are reminded of the essential role that the United States Armed Forces have played in the history and development of North Carolina, our great nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the people of North Carolina deem it is our responsibility this month and throughout the year to honor, support, and recognize our North Carolina service members, Veterans, and their families and remember with deep gratitude those who have given their lives in defense of our freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as “**MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all residents.





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-seventh day of April 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.