State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA BEER MONTH

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, craft breweries are flourishing across North Carolina with 420 independent craft breweries and brewpubs in every corner of the state, ranking the Tar Heel State as a Top Ten craft beer state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the annual economic impact of North Carolina craft beer exceeds $2.8 billion and supports more than 18,000 jobs in the state; and

WHEREAS, brewery taprooms, festivals, and other craft beer events in North Carolina have demonstrated the ability to attract visitors from across the state and country, thereby making craft beer an important element of tourism in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's craft beer industry reflects the state's rich agricultural heritage, demonstrated by national recognition for beers using a wide range of North Carolina agricultural products, including barley, sweet potatoes, oysters, berries, and more; and

WHEREAS, craft beer from North Carolina breweries is served to visitors at the NC Public House attraction at the North Carolina State Fair, further demonstrating our industry's commitment to and partnership with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the welcoming nature of North Carolina's brewery taprooms drives economic development and provides community gathering spaces that help support the local culture and social well-being of cities, towns, and communities across our state; and

WHEREAS, a month-long celebration of North Carolina's exceptional beer craftsmanship, and those destinations where it thrives, will raise the state's profile to its rightful place in a highly competitive landscape;

WHEREAS, breweries don't just make beer; they make our state better; and, from celebrating your favorite occasions to supporting local farms to simply brewing better beer, "Breweries Make It Better";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2026 as **"NORTH CAROLINA BEER MONTH"** in North Carolina and commend its observance.

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-fifth day of September 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 fifty-first.