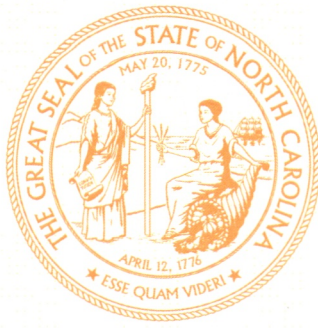




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF
THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the John C. Campbell Folk School, established in 1925 in Brasstown, North Carolina, by Olive Dame Campbell and Marguerite Butler, was founded to honor the legacy of educator and reformer John C. Campbell and to preserve the rich cultural heritage of the Southern Appalachian region; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the Danish folkehøjskole tradition, the Folk School adopted a noncompetitive, community-centered approach to education, offering instruction in traditional crafts, music, dance, agriculture, and storytelling, thereby fostering creativity and lifelong learning; and

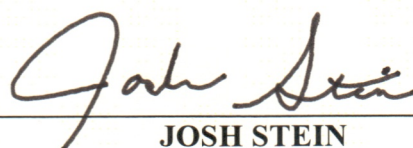
WHEREAS, for a century, the John C. Campbell Folk School has served as a beacon of cultural preservation and artistic expression, attracting students from across the nation and around the world to engage in hands-on learning experiences that celebrate Appalachian traditions; and

WHEREAS, the Folk School has significantly contributed to the cultural and economic vitality of western North Carolina, supporting local artisans, hosting annual events such as the Fall Festival, and promoting community engagement through programs like the annual Olde Folks Party, celebrating the elders of the Brasstown community who have been critical to the growth and longevity of the Folk School; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2025, the John C. Campbell Folk School will commemorate its 100th anniversary, marking a century of dedication to enriching lives through the arts, education, and community building;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2025, as “**IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN C. CAMPBELL FOLK SCHOOL**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.




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-third day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.