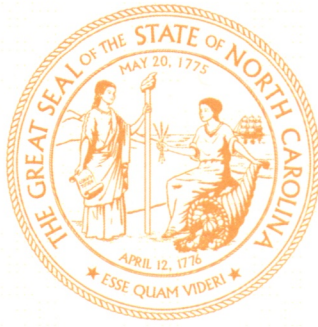




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

REDISCOVERING THE MOUNTAINS OF NC MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the mountains of western North Carolina represent one of the most culturally rich, geographically distinct, and environmentally significant regions in the United States, and are breathtakingly beautiful; and

WHEREAS, the region includes the sovereign Qualla Boundary and the following 24 counties: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yancey, and Surry; and

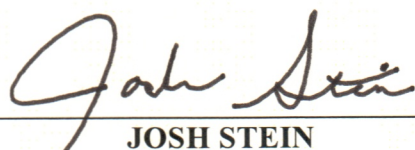
WHEREAS, these communities are home to generations of resilient people, small businesses, artisans, farmers, outdoor stewards, and culture bearers, whose contributions continue to shape the identity and economy of our state; and

WHEREAS, western North Carolina has demonstrated extraordinary and collaboration and resilience in the wake of Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and timely to honor the natural beauty, traditions, innovation, and progress of this treasured mountain region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as “**REDISCOVERING THE MOUNTAINS OF NC MONTH**” 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.