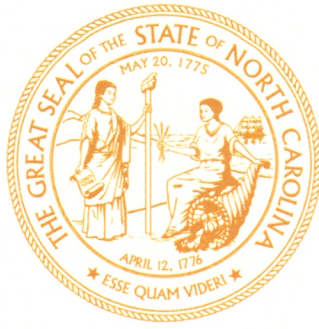




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1907, the United States Army Signal Corps created an Aeronautical Division to take “charge of all matters pertaining to military ballooning, air machines, and all kindred subjects”; and

WHEREAS, the National Security Act of 1947 established the United States Air Force as its own separate and equal branch of the Armed Forces on September 18, 1947, creating the Air National Guard as a reserve component of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Air National Guard can trace its origins back to March 15, 1948, with the establishment of the 156th Fighter Squadron; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has nearly 10,000 men and women proudly serving our nation as Airmen on either active duty or reserve status or in our Air National Guard; and

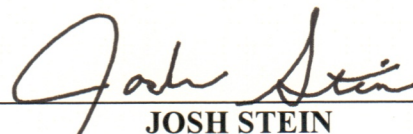
WHEREAS, North Carolina is the proud home of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro, and the North Carolina Air National Guard bases in Charlotte and New London; and

WHEREAS, the United States Air Force and Air National Guard play critical roles in defending our nation’s skies and ensuring our continued freedom; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina and the North Carolina Department of Military and Veterans Affairs proudly recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by our outstanding Airmen;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 18, 2026, as “**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BIRTHDAY**” 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 eighth 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.