State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the formation of two battalions of Continental Marines; and

WHEREAS, the United States Marines have served with distinction in every conflict since their founding, holding true to their heritage of "any clime and place"; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to more than 40,000 active-duty Marines and 1,000 reserve Marines who proudly defend the freedoms enjoyed by North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in Havelock, and Marine Corps Air Station New River in Jacksonville serve critical roles in the Marine Corps mission on the Eastern Seaboard; and

WHEREAS, Montford Point in Jacksonville served as the recruit depot for African American Marines when they were allowed to enlist in 1942, representing a major milestone in the Civil Rights movement; and

WHEREAS, today, we honor and celebrate the founding of the United States Marine Corps and wish the Corps a heartfelt happy 251st birthday; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all residents, businesses, organizations, leaders, and elected officials to continue their strong support of the United States Marine Corps and their ongoing mission to ensure our freedom;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 10, 2026, as **"UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 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 twenty-sixth day of October 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.