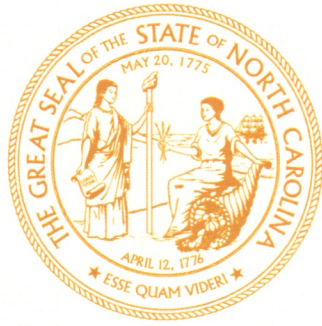




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

UNITED STATES NAVY BIRTHDAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established the United States Navy to aid in the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, for 251 years, the United States Navy has answered the call of duty to protect our nation in times of war and in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is proud to be home to nearly 10,000 active-duty and reserve Sailors, as well as the civilian personnel who support the Navy, primarily located at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune; and

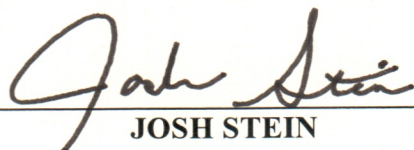
WHEREAS, the unofficial motto of "Semper Fortis" ("always strong") and "Non sibi sed patriae" ("not for self, but for country") represent the longstanding tradition of our nation's sailors to put service before self; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy continues to play a significant and integral role in the security, wealth, and prosperity of our state while defending our nation; and

WHEREAS, in commemoration of the 251st anniversary of the establishment of the United States Navy, North Carolinians proudly recognize and express appreciation to the Sailors who have served and continue to serve our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2026, as "**UNITED STATES NAVY 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 fifth 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.