State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH

AND

VETERANS DAY

2026

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces have selflessly served our nation, defending the freedoms and values we hold dear; and throughout our history, our veterans have demonstrated unwavering courage, sacrifice, and dedication to ensure the security and prosperity of our country; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina observes our storied history of supporting the United States military, a legacy stretching back to before the founding of our nation; and we are proud to be the home of more than one million active-duty military servicemembers, veterans, and their families; and

WHEREAS, following the declaration of Armistice Day as a national holiday in 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized November 11 as Veterans Day in 1954; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina residents and businesses can demonstrate their respect for veterans by participating in Operation Green Light throughout the month, honoring those whose service and sacrifice helped preserve our freedom by displaying a green light on the exterior or in a window of their home or business; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve their communities through civil service and participation in service-based organizations, including the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, other nonprofit and volunteer organizations, faith-based organizations, and more; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20,000 servicemembers in North Carolina transition to civilian communities annually; and the State of North Carolina should be equipped and prepared to support them during what can be a challenging time as they return to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, today and every day, we encourage all people, communities, and leaders to support and honor veterans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2026 as **"VETERANS APPRECIATION MONTH"** and November 11, 2026, as **"VETERANS DAY"** 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.