



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

THE CENTER OF THE COLLEGE BASKETBALL UNIVERSE

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Duke University and The University of North Carolina are two of the greatest academic, research and health care universities in the world and often collaborate on efforts that make the world a healthier and better place; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 2, at approximately 8:49 EDT, no one will be thinking about that; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Carolina has a proud history of college basketball excellence that can be traced back to the creation of the sport; and

WHEREAS, teams from North Carolina have regularly competed for and won NCAA National Championships; and

WHEREAS, teams from North Carolina have produced some of the legends of the game including Stephen Curry, Tim Duncan, Grant Hill, David Thompson, Chris Paul, Earl Monroe, James Worthy and Michael Jordan (the GOAT) and many more; and

WHEREAS, teams from North Carolina have demonstrated excellence throughout the 2021-2022 season; and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2022 Fayetteville State University men's basketball team under Coach Luke D'Alessio won the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship, defeating Virginia Union University; and

WHEREAS, the NC State Women's Basketball team under Coach Wes Moore won its third consecutive ACC Tournament Championship, earned a number 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament advancing to the Elite 8, and the UNC Women's Basketball team, coached by Courtney Banghart, advanced to the Sweet Sixteen; and

WHEREAS, the Wake Forest Men's team included Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the year Steve Forbes and ACC Player of the Year Alondes Williams; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to the greatest college basketball rivalry in the nation and arguably the greatest rivalry in sports, The University of North Carolina Tar Heels versus the Duke University Blue Devils; and

WHEREAS, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University are separated by 8 miles; and

WHEREAS, the two schools have faced each other in Men's Basketball 257 times with UNC winning 142 times and Duke winning 115 times; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has participated in 52 NCAA tournaments, reached 21 Final Fours and won 7 National Championships; and

WHEREAS, Duke University has participated in 44 NCAA tournaments, reached 17 Final Fours and won 5 National Championships; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina boasts three of the winningest NCAA Men's Basketball coaches of all time in Mike Krzyzewski, Roy Williams and Dean Smith; and

WHEREAS, Hall of Fame Coach Mike Krzyzewski, the all-time winningest coach in college basketball and gold medal winning Team USA National Basketball Team coach, is coaching his final NCAA Tournament after 42 seasons at Duke and leading Duke to a 32-6 record this season; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Coach Hubert Davis is participating in his first NCAA Tournament as Head Coach after playing and serving as an Assistant Coach at UNC and leading UNC to a 28-9 record this season; and

WHEREAS, Duke and UNC are meeting for the first time ever in the NCAA Tournament, with this game coming in the Final Four; and

WHEREAS, the most passionate fans in the country are more than ready to enjoy this great rivalry and to shout some things that are not normally part of their vocabulary; and

WHEREAS, the eyes of the world are on these two great institutions, emphasizing the tradition of excellence in The State of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the greatest state in the country, do hereby proclaim North Carolina as **"THE CENTER OF THE COLLEGE BASKETBALL UNIVERSE"** and commend its observance to all North Carolinians.



Roy Cooper

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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 thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.