



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month, established nationally in 1988 by Public Law 100-402, honors the culture, history, and achievements of Hispanic people, recognizing Latinos, Latinx, Hispanics, and Latin American people in the United States for their many contributions to American society; and

WHEREAS, throughout September, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua celebrate the anniversaries of their independence; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, we take this time each year to recognize the monumental impact that Hispanic and Latino communities have had on the cultural fabric of our state and nation, as well as their meaningful contributions to social and economic progress; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic and Latino people of North Carolina are integral to the growth and development of our state, bolstering the economy as business leaders and entrepreneurs, cultivating a strong agricultural industry, enriching our schools and education system, and serving as leaders in our community; and

WHEREAS, over the last 30 years, the Hispanic population has grown dramatically; today, 9.6 percent of North Carolinians are Hispanic, with a median age of only 25 years, indicating that this community will continue to grow and flourish; and

WHEREAS, the national theme of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month, *Hispanic Americans: A History of Serving our Nation*, recognizes and highlights the important contributions Hispanic and Latino people have made to every facet of American life: serving in both the public and private sectors, in our country's military, as elected officials and civic leaders, and as community advocates; and

WHEREAS, the history, culture, art, food, music, and traditions that define the lives of Hispanic people in North Carolina are integral to every aspect of our society; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud of our diverse population, and encourages people to celebrate our Hispanic community by participating in events held to commemorate this special occasion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 15 – October 15, 2019, as **"HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
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-fourth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.