



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1992, Morrill Worcester, of Maine, began the tradition of laying wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery each holiday season, to honor each branch of the military, service men and women; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Worcester family, along with veterans, and other groups and individuals who had helped with their annual Christmas wreath ceremony in Arlington, formed Wreaths Across America, to continue and expand the effort; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2008, the US Congress unanimously voted and declared "Wreaths Across America Day" to be celebrated annually; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Wreaths Across America is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation about the value of freedom; and

WHEREAS, today the ceremony is celebrated on the second or third Saturday of December and encompasses more than 2,500 locations in all 50 states, including North Carolina, honoring veterans from as far back as the revolutionary war; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, December 18th, 2021 has been designated by Wreaths Across America organization as the date for these ceremonies to occur;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 18, 2021, as "NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY" 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 second day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.