



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS**

**2017**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, in 1967, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation establishing the North Carolina Court of Appeals as the intermediate appellate court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals was charged with reviewing trial court proceedings for errors of law or legal procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals held its first conference in late August 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals heard its first cases in January 1968; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals took up permanent residence in the Ruffin Building later that year; and

**WHEREAS**, 466 appeals were filed with the Court of Appeals in its first year of operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals has served as the bedrock of our state's appellate system for fifty years, and is vital to the protection of individual rights and the proper administration of justice; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,339 appeals, 865 petitions, and 3,856 motions were filed in the Court of Appeals during the 2016 calendar year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court of Appeals disposed of 1,500 appeals, and 4,456 petitions and motions during that same period; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina is made stronger by the talents, diligence, experience, and integrity of the Court of Appeals, its judges, and staff;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2017, as a day in recognition of the **"50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.