



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TRIBUTE WEEK**

**2017**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to more than 10,000 Bosniak Americans who have successfully integrated into their communities and are working towards a better future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of North American Bosniaks (CNAB) is an umbrella organization representing Bosniaks in the United States and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, July 11, 2017, commemorates the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Srebrenica Genocide in which at least 8,372 innocent Bosniak civilians were summarily executed, and 30,000 were expelled from their homes, in one of the worst atrocities in Europe since the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS**, July 11, 2017, will be known as Srebrenica Genocide Remembrance Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the anniversary raises awareness of the tragic suffering of the Bosnian people, and honors and remembers those who died as a result of policies of genocide, ethnic cleansing, and aggression; and

**WHEREAS**, both the United States Senate and House of Representatives passed resolutions in 2005 acknowledging the genocide that the Serbian forces perpetrated in Srebrenica, and in all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of July 11, 2017, as **“BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TRIBUTE WEEK”** 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 fifth day of July 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.