



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

EXTRA SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians have a fundamental right to have their laws enacted by a legislature composed of members elected from valid and lawful districts; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2017, the Supreme Court of the United States in Covington v. North Carolina, No. 16-1023, 581 U.S. ___ (Jun. 5, 2017) affirmed without dissent the unanimous decision of three federal district court judges that the General Assembly violated the United States Constitution and misinterpreted federal law in establishing twenty-eight state legislative districts in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly had no valid justification for dividing numerous counties in 2011 contrary to the requirement of the North Carolina Constitution that counties be kept whole in the formation of state Senate and House districts to the extent possible; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the General Assembly immediately remedy the violation of the fundamental right of all North Carolinians to have their legislature composed of members elected from valid and lawful districts; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances are extraordinary and require the North Carolina General Assembly to convene in an extra session; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has a constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed and uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, pursuant to Article III, Section 5(7) of the North Carolina State Constitution, do hereby proclaim an “**EXTRA SESSION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**” commencing Thursday, June 8, 2017 at two o'clock in the afternoon, which shall continue until a new plan is enacted or for a period of two weeks, whichever is earlier, for the purpose of enacting new House and Senate district plans for the General Assembly that remedy the legislative districts ruled unconstitutional.





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 the seventh day of June 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.