



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S OPEN INVESTMENT POLICY

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is open for business and provides a welcoming environment for investment from global companies; and

WHEREAS, foreign direct investment accounts for 242,700 North Carolina jobs, including 122,700 in the manufacturing sector; and

WHEREAS, in the past five years, the number of jobs in North Carolina provided by foreign direct investment has increased by 30 percent, outpacing the national average; and

WHEREAS, foreign direct investment accounts for 7 percent of North Carolina's private-sector workforce, ranking the state eighth nationally in the share of its workforce supported by foreign direct investment; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's economy is stronger because it successfully attracts foreign direct investment; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina welcomes and supports business investment, and works to ensure the success of all firms invested in the state, bolstering North Carolina's economic competitiveness and supporting local economic growth; and

WHEREAS, a participant in the global economy, North Carolina faces competition both inside the United States and around the world to attract jobs from the next generation of industries; and

WHEREAS, by taking deliberate steps to attract more foreign direct investment and promote North Carolina exports abroad, our economic development efforts will bring added prosperity to workers and communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, today, the State of North Carolina reaffirms our commitment to ensuring an open, welcoming environment that supports investment from global companies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2017, as a day "IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH CAROLINA'S OPEN INVESTMENT POLICY," 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 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