



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, LGBTQ History Month is a national annual observance recognizing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer history during October, to coincide with National Coming Out Day each October 11; and

WHEREAS, the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights occurred on October 14, 1979, and the Second March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights occurred on October 11, 1987; and

WHEREAS, celebrating LGBTQ History Month helps to raise awareness, provide historic role models for youth, build community, and affirm the contributions of the LGBTQ community to North Carolina's history; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina celebrates LGBTQ champions like Pauli Murray, a black feminist civil rights activist who grew up in Durham and dedicated her work to addressing injustice based on race and economic class, and challenging preconceived ideas about race, gender, sexuality, and religion; and

WHEREAS, during October, we honor and recognize the many LGBTQ individuals throughout our history and today who have helped to construct the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ History Month is intended to encourage honesty and openness about being LGBTQ for those for whom it is safe to be visible and open about being LGBTQ; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina stands with the LGBTQ community in the struggle for human rights and the dignity of every person to be visible and open in their authenticity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October, 2018, as "LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH" 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 twenty-eighth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.