

State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, “Recognition By Definition” is the theme of 2014 American Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina, which celebrates and commemorates the culture, heritage and traditions of North Carolina’s first citizens – American Indians; and

WHEREAS, American Indians are the first inhabitants of North Carolina, and having lived here for more than 14,000 years, and are, therefore, the indigenous people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, today, North Carolina is home to more than 122,000 American Indians, giving the state the largest American Indian population east of the Mississippi River and the eighth largest American Indian population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is home to eight American Indian tribes: the Coharie, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, the Haliwa-Saponi, the Lumbee, the Meherrin, the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, the Sappony, and the Waccamaw-Siouan; and

WHEREAS, through “Recognition By Definition,” these eight American Indian tribal governments and four urban associations continue in their purpose and mission of sustaining and perpetuating North Carolina’s American Indian heritage, culture and communities; and

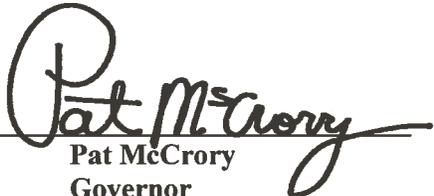
WHEREAS, through state and federal legislation and administrative regulations, the status of the government-to-government relationships between North Carolina’s American Indian tribes and our local, state and federal governments has historically reiterated American Indian “Recognition By Definition;” and

WHEREAS, “Recognition By Definition” is a celebration of North Carolina’s American Indians, their tribes and culture, and the State of North Carolina honors our American heritage this November and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2014, in recognition of “AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

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-sixth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.




Pat McCrory
Governor