

# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1983, the Minority Business Development Agency within the United States Department of Commerce, in conjunction with the United States Small Business Administration, has sponsored *Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week* to honor the accomplishments of minority entrepreneurs across our country; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Bureau of Census, there are more than 131,000 minority-owned businesses in North Carolina, which create over \$16.4 billion of sales yearly; and

WHEREAS, minority business enterprises in North Carolina employ more than 129,000 residents and work to build a skilled labor force that contributes to the competitiveness of our state; and

WHEREAS, during the fall of 2012, thousands of minority entrepreneurs, corporate representatives and federal, state and local governments will participate in activities in recognition of the success achieved by minority businesses throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, this annual celebration will be held in our nation's capital, with the theme *Job Creation in America: Build it Here – Sell it Everywhere*; and

WHEREAS, Minority Enterprise Development Month seeks to increase awareness of minority individuals to the benefits, risks, requirements and rewards obtained through owning a business;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2012, as “**MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT MONTH**” in North Carolina and urge our citizens to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments made by minority-owned firms and to support minority business development.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

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