



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

IN RECOGNITION OF

THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL 95TH ANNIVERSARY

2024

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since its enactment by the General Assembly on March 18, 1929, the North Carolina State Highway Patrol has provided quality law enforcement services to the people of North Carolina and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the first highway patrol training school began on May 20, 1929, at Camp Glenn near Morehead City; and

WHEREAS, of the 42 participants that completed the training, 37 were sworn in as members of the State Highway Patrol on July 1, 1929; and

WHEREAS, today the State Highway Patrol consists of more than 1,500 uniformed troopers and more than 480 civilians; and

WHEREAS, for 95 years, the State Highway Patrol has stayed true to its mission of enforcing the state's motor vehicle laws and reducing the number of collisions on North Carolina's 80,000 miles of roadways; and

WHEREAS, the troopers of the State Highway Patrol have dutifully served the residents of the State of North Carolina despite the danger they often encounter; and

WHEREAS, 70 troopers have lost their lives in the line of duty, including George I. Thompson, the first State Highway Patrol patrolmen killed in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on the 95th anniversary, the State of North Carolina recognizes and acknowledges the State Highway Patrol for its invaluable service to the residents of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 12, 2024, as **"IN RECOGNITION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL 95TH ANNIVERSARY"** 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 first day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-ninth.