State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

MEMORIAL DAY

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since our nation's inception, brave men and woman have given their lives to protect our freedoms in service to our great nation, and we have strived to honor their sacrifice through historic burial grounds and battlefields, memorials and other tributes that recognize the fallen; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Federal law declared that the last Monday in May be designated Memorial Day in the United States, beginning in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance and celebration in honor of the heroism and valor of members of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force and National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina pays tribute to the fallen, our veterans and the men and women who continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, on this day, in communities across North Carolina, citizens will gather to remember loved ones who have given the ultimate sacrifice as part of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom in recent years, as well as those who fell during previous wars and conflicts; and

WHEREAS, on this day, and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina joins citizens in their sorrow and pride for the fallen and in giving thanks to all who serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 26, 2014, as "**MEMORIAL DAY**" 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-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eighth.

Pat McCrory

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Governor