



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

2016

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 40 million Americans are of Irish-American descent; since our nation's inception and throughout our history, brave men, women and children yearning for freedom and opportunity made the journey to the United States in search of a better life; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes Irish-Americans throughout our history who have made significant contributions to our country: James Polk, 7th President of the United States, was born in Pineville and Andrew Johnson, 11th President of the United States, was born in Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, during the month of March and throughout the year, the State of North Carolina proudly recognizes our Irish-American legacy and the achievements of Irish-Americans and encourages citizens to learn more about the role Irish-Americans have played and continue to play in North Carolina's history, economy and culture; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2016, as "**IRISH-AMERICAN 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 eighth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fortieth.


PAT McCRORY