State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SMALL FARMS WEEK

AND

SMALL FARMERS’ APPRECIATION DAY

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s small farms are the backbone of our state’s rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, throughout our history, small farms have survived economic and technological changes to provide a rigorous but rewarding way of life; and

WHEREAS, today, the owners of small farms help North Carolina maintain a strong economy by generating millions of dollars from the sale of commodities; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent statistics reported by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the average size of North Carolina’s 48,000 farms is less than 180 acres, which constitutes a small farm; and

WHEREAS, despite changes in American agriculture, small farmers continue their role as leaders of North Carolina’s agricultural tradition; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Extension at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, in cooperation with North Carolina State University, the United States Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and select county agencies, has helped lead the effort to provide assistance to the small farmers of North Carolina, and recognize and celebrate their many contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 25 – 31, 2018, as “SMALL FARMS WEEK” and March 28, 2018, as “SMALL FARMERS’ APPRECIATION DAY” in North Carolina, and commend 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 twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

Roy Cooper
Governor