



# State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY  
GOVERNOR

## NORTH CAROLINA WINE AND GRAPE MONTH

2013

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the wine and grape industry is an important part of North Carolina's agribusiness, tourism and commercial industries; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina currently has 118 wineries and 400 commercial grape growers; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina ranks 10th nationally in wine, as well as grape, production; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is the home of our nation's first cultivated wine grape, the scuppernong, which grew wild on Roanoke Island and today is more than 400 years old and stretches half an acre; it was noticed in 1585 by Sir Walter Raleigh explorers, which led to North Carolina becoming the leading wine-producing state prior to Prohibition; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual economic impact of North Carolina-produced grapes and wine is estimated at \$1.28 billion, employing 7,600 workers in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, vineyards and wineries significantly enhance the state by providing unique travel destinations, green space and aesthetic appeal;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pat McCrory, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2013, as "**NORTH CAROLINA WINE AND GRAPE 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 thirty-first day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.



*Pat McCrory*  
PAT McCRORY  
Governor