



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are 74.6 million women in our nation's civilian labor force, making up more than 45 percent of all United States workers; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Labor, women own nearly 10 million businesses in the United States, accounting for \$1.4 trillion in receipts in 2017; and

WHEREAS, 57 percent of women participate in the labor force, including 70 percent of women with children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, Business and Professional Women's Clubs work to improve the lives of women and their families by promoting equality and helping to create better social, educational, economic, and political conditions for women entering or participating in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, for 90 years, Business and Professional Women's Clubs have commemorated the achievements and contributions of working women by celebrating National Business Women's Week; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., which represents women in every voting district of our state, serves as a lead organization of the ERA-NC Alliance to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, National Business Women's Week is sponsored by the North Carolina Business and Professional Women's Clubs, in conjunction with the Business and Professional Women Foundation, who urge all civic and fraternal groups, educational associations, news media, and community organizations to join in celebrating the many contributions of business and professional women to our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 22 – 26, 2018, as "NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK" 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 nineteenth day of October 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.