State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC VEHICLE DAY
2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, my Executive Order No. 80 “North Carolina’s Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy” calls for a 40% reduction in statewide greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels and 80,000 registered, zero-emission vehicles in North Carolina by 2025; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will release a N.C. Zero-Emission Vehicle Plan by October 1, 2019, that will include specific strategies to support achievement of 80,000 ZEVs on NC roads by 2025; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina’s transportation sector contributed 32% of the state’s greenhouse gas emissions in 2017 and emits other air pollutants, which threaten the health of our residents and the sustainability of our planet; and

WHEREAS, the transportation sector is shifting to clean technologies, including plug-in electric vehicles that support a strong economy, save households money, provide jobs, reduces dependence on foreign fuels, and increases transportation choice; and

WHEREAS, facilitating access to EVs and charging infrastructure supports North Carolina’s tourism and recreation sectors, including in small towns and rural or underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, equitable access to EVs and charging infrastructure ensures that the economic and environmental benefits of EVs accrue to communities that are rural, economically disadvantaged or underserved, disproportionately impacted by environmental burden, or are otherwise vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is dedicated to leadership in the use of clean energy, establishing policies and programs that conserve energy, and promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 9,000 plug-in hybrid electric and battery electric vehicles on North Carolina’s roads today; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and the Raleigh-Durham area have been some of the fastest growing areas for electric vehicles in the country; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages residents to stay educated on the latest information surrounding the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and promotes their adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2019, as “NORTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC VEHICLE 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 thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fourth.