

# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## CITIZENS VOTER REGISTRATION AWARENESS MONTH

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a sacred privilege afforded to the citizens of this state and nation; and this privilege is magnified by the sacrifices of our men and women in the military who defend the freedoms of our country every day; and

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the right to vote, a person must register with the local Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, we have potentially more than one million unregistered eligible voters, including younger citizens, who historically have lower voter registration and voter participation rates; and

WHEREAS, those citizens between the ages of sixteen and seventeen may now preregister to vote in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Elections and the 100 county Boards of Elections are embarking upon an effort to reach these unregistered citizens; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September 2011, the State Board of Elections and the 100 county Boards of Elections will conduct the eleventh biennial Statewide Voter Registration Drive during Citizens Voter Registration Awareness Month, pursuant to General Statute 163-82.25; and

WHEREAS, by exercising the right to register and vote, citizens of this state can have an impact on the direction of policies affecting North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, by educating our citizens about the importance of voting, election officials can encourage people to register;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2011, as "CITIZENS VOTER REGISTRATION AWARENESS MONTH" in North Carolina. I urge our citizens to take this opportunity to register to vote, and participate in the statewide Voter Registration Drive efforts being conducted by county Boards of Elections across the State.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

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 twenty-seventh day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

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