State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

SMALL FARMS WEEK

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's small farms are the backbone of this State's rich agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, through the years, 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, more than 90 percent of the 52,400 farms in North Carolina are small farms, according to the most recent statistics reported by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; and

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

WHEREAS, since 1972, The Cooperative Extension Program 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 have recognized and celebrated their many contributions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 22-28, 2015, as **"SMALL FARMS WEEK"** and March 25, 2015, as **"SMALL FARMS APPRECIATION 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 second day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

PAT McCRORY
Governor