

State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY

GOVERNOR

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TRIBUTE DAY

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is home to more than 10,000 Bosniak Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of North American Bosniaks (CNAB) is an umbrella organization representing Bosniaks in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, July 11, 2015, is the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica Massacre, in which at least 8,372 innocent Bosniak civilians were executed and 30,000 were expelled from their homes and will be known as Srebrenica Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, resolutions acknowledging the genocide and oppression perpetrated by Serbian forces in Srebrenica, and all of Bosnia from 1992-1995, were passed by the United States Senate and House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to raise awareness of this massacre and the suffering of the Bosnian people as a result of the policy for ethnic cleansing, the State of North Carolina honors and remembers those who died or were expelled and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 11, 2015, as "**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TRIBUTE 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 thirty-first day of March 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