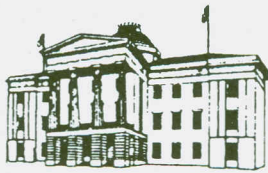


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## SAVE THE FROGS DAY

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, approximately 88% of the world's 6,000+ amphibian species are frogs, and according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, nearly 1,000 frog species are threatened with extinction; nearly all frog species around the world are declining and at least 200 species have completely disappeared since 1979, making amphibians the most threatened group of animals on Earth; and

WHEREAS, amphibian conservation efforts will not be successful without an educated and well-informed public; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has over 90 species of amphibians and is known for its diverse population of salamanders, boasting possibly more than any other state in the Union, with frogs comprising approximately 30% of the amphibian species in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the largest and smallest frogs in North America, the Bullfrog and the Little Grass Frog, can be found in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, frogs are critical components to our ecosystems, and because frogs provide ecosystem services to nature and to humans, including cleaning waterways by eating algae during their tadpole stage; serving as a vital source of food to numerous other animal species; consuming large quantities of ticks, mosquitoes and other pest species that serve as disease vectors by transmitting fatal illnesses to humans and pets; saving us billions of dollars every year by eating harmful bugs that damage crops; and by serving us as bio-indicators, letting us know when there is something wrong in the environment; and

WHEREAS, approximately 10% of Nobel prizes in physiology and medicine have resulted from investigations that used amphibians, and when an amphibian species disappears, so does any promise it holds for improving human medicine; and

WHEREAS, amphibians face a multitude of threats including pollution, pesticides, habitat destruction, climate change, invasive species, infectious diseases, and over-harvesting for the pet, food and bait trades; and

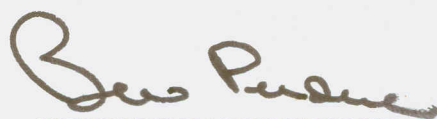
WHEREAS, frogs make up the vast majority of amphibian species in the world and are the most recognizable by humans; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of amphibians is critical to our ecosystem and enables people of all ages to see and enjoy amphibians in their natural habitat; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is proud to join other states and interested agencies and organizations in recognizing amphibians as part of a healthy environment and in working together to share ideas to help save our amphibian friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2012, as 'SAVE THE FROGS DAY' in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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 27th day of November 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.