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Dear Friends,

You've heard it before, but let me tell you, it's the truth – there is nothing finer than to be in North Carolina. Our quality of life is unmatched, our natural attractions – from ancient mountains to white sand beaches – are abundant, and our people are the greatest you will find anywhere.

North Carolina's business climate is one of the best in the nation. Site Selection magazine has ranked us number one for six of the last seven years. Our leading technology clusters, our growing military economy and the state's budding green-collar industry, combined with our strong entrepreneurial spirit, make North Carolina one of the best places to start, locate or expand a business. As we move forward in the 21st century North Carolina stands to increase our global presence, becoming known as the most innovative place in the world – where new ideas are discovered and then converted into action and results.

North Carolina's emergence onto the global stage would not have been possible without our abundance of educational opportunities. We have one of the nation's best community college systems, and state-of-the-art universities with leading programs in fields ranging from the arts, to engineering, to science and medicine.

On behalf of North Carolina and all of its citizens, I invite you to discover why I believe North Carolina is the greatest state in America. I know you will find our state a welcoming place to visit, and a wonderful place to call home.

Sincerely,

Bev Perdue



NORTH CAROLINA'S FLAG, created in 1861, commemorates Charlotte's Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, signed more than a year before Independence Day, and the Halifax Resolves, one of the first official documents demanding freedom for the U.S. from foreign powers.



Governor Bev Perdue with her husband, Bob Eaves, her family, and first dogs, Dosie and Zipper.

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