

State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

SUNSHINE WEEK

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Constitution safeguards every citizen's right of access to government meetings and records; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Constitution further confirms that all political power is vested in and flows from the People to their government; and

WHEREAS, the best way to ensure that government truly represents the people it serves is to keep the government open and accessible to all people; and

WHEREAS, the hallmarks of a great democracy include government transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, public oversight is the ultimate safeguard of that democracy; and

WHEREAS, the free flow of information from the government to the people instills trust and confidence in our democracy and ensures that our government is accessible, accountable and open; and

WHEREAS, we must strive to further educate and empower the public on their right to access government documents, information and meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 15-21, 2009, as "SUNSHINE WEEK" in North Carolina, and urge all citizens to join this observance.



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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 eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.