



## City of Wilmington NORTH CAROLINA

### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina Wilmington has provided the citizens of the City of Wilmington, New Hanover County and the State of North Carolina with educational opportunities since 1947; and

WHEREAS, the university, founded as Wilmington College, first opened its doors on Sept. 4, 1947, to 238 students and has continued to thrive through the decades, now serving a population of nearly 16,000 students; and

WHEREAS, UNCW has been recognized regionally and nationally as a leader for its commitment to excellence, applied learning, teaching, innovation, research, diversity, and community engagement; and

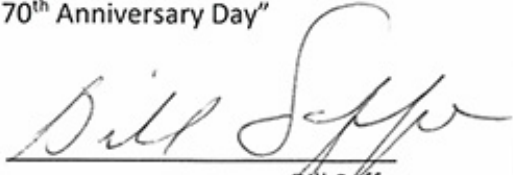
WHEREAS, the university, originally founded for New Hanover County citizens to provide educational opportunities for veterans returning from World War II, continues to emphasize service and dedication to veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, UNCW contributes significantly to the educational, cultural and economic vitality of the region and its 2016-2021 Strategic Plan promotes continued enhancements in these areas; and

WHEREAS, UNCW will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the 2017-18 academic year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Saffo, on behalf of the Wilmington City Council, the City of Wilmington, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2017 as:

"The University of North Carolina Wilmington 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Day"

  
Bill Saffo  
Mayor