

1 **Chapter 145.**

2 **State Symbols and Other Official Adoptions.**

3 **§ 145-1. State flower.**

4 The dogwood is hereby adopted as the official flower of the State of North Carolina. (1941,
5 c. 289.)

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7 **§ 145-2. State bird.**

8 The cardinal is hereby declared to be the official State bird of North Carolina. (1943, c.
9 595.)

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11 **§ 145-3. State tree.**

12 The pine is hereby adopted as the official State tree of the State of North Carolina. (1963, c.
13 41.)

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15 **§ 145-4. State shell.**

16 The Scotch bonnet is hereby adopted as the official State shell of the State of North
17 Carolina. (1965, c. 681.)

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19 **§ 145-5. State mammal.**

20 The gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) is hereby adopted as the official State mammal of
21 the State of North Carolina. (1969, c. 1207.)

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23 **§ 145-6. State saltwater fish.**

24 The channel bass (red drum) is hereby adopted as the official State saltwater fish of the
25 State of North Carolina. (1971, c. 274.)

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27 **§ 145-7. State insect.**

28 The honeybee is hereby adopted as the official State insect of the State of North Carolina.
29 (1973, c. 55.)

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31 **§ 145-8. State stone.**

32 The emerald is hereby adopted as the official State precious stone of the State of North
33 Carolina. (1973, c. 136, s. 1.)

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35 **§ 145-9. State reptile.**

36 The turtle is adopted as the official State reptile of the State of North Carolina, and the
37 eastern box turtle is designated as the emblem representing the turtles inhabiting North
38 Carolina. (1979, c. 154, s. 1.)

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40 **§ 145-10. State rock.**

41 Granite is adopted as the official State rock of the State of North Carolina. (1979, c. 906, s.
42 1.)

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44 **§ 145-10.1. State beverage.**

45 Milk is hereby adopted as the official State beverage of the State of North Carolina. (1987,
46 c. 347.)

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48 **§ 145-11. State historical boat.**

49 The Shad Boat is adopted as the official State historical boat of the State of North Carolina.
50 (1987, c. 366.)

1 **§ 145-12. State language.**

2 (a) Purpose. English is the common language of the people of the United States of
3 America and the State of North Carolina. This section is intended to preserve, protect and
4 strengthen the English language, and not to supersede any of the rights guaranteed to the people
5 by the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Carolina.

6 (b) English as the Official Language of North Carolina. English is the official language
7 of the State of North Carolina.

8 (c) Expired. (1987, c. 480, c. 877, s. 1.1.)
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10 **§ 145-13. The State dog.**

11 The Plott Hound is adopted as the official dog of the State of North Carolina. (1989, c. 773,
12 s. 1.)
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14 **§ 145-14. The State Military Academy.**

15 Oak Ridge Military Academy, in Oak Ridge, North Carolina, as long as it remains a
16 military academy is adopted as the official military academy of the State of North Carolina.
17 (1991, c. 728, s. 1.)
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19 **§ 145-15. State tartan.**

20 The Carolina Tartan is adopted as the official tartan of the State of North Carolina. (1991, c.
21 85, s. 1.)
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23 **§ 145-16. State Watermelon Festivals.**

24 (a) The Hertford County Watermelon Festival is adopted as the official Northeastern
25 North Carolina Watermelon Festival. The Hertford County Watermelon Festival shall be
26 observed annually during the last four days of the first week in August.

27 (b) The Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival in Columbus County is adopted as the official
28 Southeastern North Carolina Watermelon Festival. The Fair Bluff Watermelon Festival shall
29 be observed annually during mid-July.

30 (c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to obligate the General Assembly to
31 appropriate funds to implement the provisions of this act.

32 (d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to obligate Hertford County or Columbus
33 County to expend funds for the purposes of this act. (1993, s. 212, s. 1.)
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35 **§ 145-17. State vegetable.**

36 The sweet potato is adopted as the official vegetable of the State of North Carolina. (1995,
37 c. 521, s. 3.)
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39 **§ 145-18. State fruit and State berries.**

40 (a) The official fruit of the State of North Carolina is the Scuppernong grape (*Vitis*
41 genus).

42 (b) The official red berry of the State is the strawberry (*Fragaria* genus).

43 (c) The official blue berry of the State is the blueberry (*Vaccinium* genus). (2001-488,
44 s. 1.)
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46 **§ 145-19. State International Festival.**

47 Folk moot USA is adopted as the official international festival of the State of North
48 Carolina. (2003-315, s. 1.)
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50 **§ 145-20. State wildflower.**

1 The Carolina Lily (*Lilium michauxii*) is adopted as the official wildflower of the State of
2 North Carolina. (2003-426, s. 1.)

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4 **§ 145-21. State Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum and State Museum of Aviation.**

5 The Asheboro Municipal Airport is designated as the official location of the North Carolina
6 Aviation Hall of Fame and the North Carolina Aviation Museum. The Wilmington
7 International Airport is designated as the official location of the North Carolina Museum of
8 Aviation. (2003-363, s. 1.)

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10 **§ 145-22. State carnivorous plant.**

11 The Venus flytrap (*Dionaea muscipula*) is adopted as the official carnivorous plant of the
12 State of North Carolina. (2005-74, s. 1.)

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14 **§ 145-23. State birthplace of traditional pottery.**

15 The Seagrove area, including portions of Randolph, Chatham, Lee, Moore, and
16 Montgomery Counties, is designated as the official location of the birthplace of North Carolina
17 traditional pottery. (2005-78, s. 1; 2006-264, s. 70.)

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19 **§ 145-24. Official State dances.**

20 (a) Clogging is adopted as the official folk dance of North Carolina.

21 (b) Shagging is adopted as the official popular dance of North Carolina. (2005-218, s.
22 1.)

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24 **§ 145-25. State Christmas tree.**

25 The Fraser fir (*Abies fraseri*) is adopted as the official Christmas tree of the State of North
26 Carolina. (2005-387, s. 1.)

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28 **§ 145-26. State freshwater trout.**

29 The Southern Appalachian strain of brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) is adopted as the
30 official freshwater trout of the State of North Carolina. (2005-387, s. 2.)

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32 **§ 145-27. State Collard Festival.**

33 The Ayden Collard Festival is adopted as the official collard festival of the State of North
34 Carolina. (2007-28, s. 1.)

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36 **§ 145-28. State food festival.**

37 The Lexington Barbecue Festival is adopted as the official food festival of the Piedmont
38 Triad Region of the State of North Carolina. (2007-533, s. 1.)

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40 **§ 145-29. State community theater.**

41 The Thalian Association in Wilmington, North Carolina, is adopted as the official
42 community theater of North Carolina. (2007-68, s. 1.)

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44 **§ 145-30. State potato festival.**

45 The Albemarle Potato Festival is adopted as the official Irish potato festival of the State of
46 North Carolina. (2009-24, s. 1.)

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48 **§ 145-31. State horse.**

49 The Colonial Spanish Mustang is adopted as the official horse of the State of North
50 Carolina. (2010-6, s. 1.)

1 **§ 145-32. Honor and Remember Flag.**

2 The Honor and Remember Flag created by Honor and Remember, Inc., is adopted as a
3 symbol to honor and recognize members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have
4 died in the line of duty. (2010-191, s. 4; 2011-183, s. 106.)

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6 **§ 145-33. State shad festival.**

7 The Grifton Shad Festival is adopted as the official Shad Festival of the State of North
8 Carolina. (2011-36, s. 1.)

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10 **§ 145-34. State herring festival.**

11 The Herring Festival held in the Town of Jamesville is adopted as the official herring
12 festival of the State of North Carolina. (2011-59, s. 1.)

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14 **§ 145-35. State mineral.**

15 Gold (Aurum) is adopted as the official State mineral of the State of North Carolina.
16 (2011-233, s. 1.)

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18 **§ 145-36. State sport.**

19 Stock car racing is adopted as the official sport of North Carolina. (2011-187, s. 1.)

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21 **§ 145-37. State Shrimp Festival.**

22 The Sneads Ferry Shrimp Festival is adopted as the official shrimp festival of the State of
23 North Carolina. (2011-65, s. 1.)