

**PROCLAMATION**  
**ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY MONTH**  
**OCTOBER 2016**

**WHEREAS**, for 125 years Elizabeth City State University has played a significant role in the economic health of the northeastern region of our state, and more particularly Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County; and

**WHEREAS**, ECSU has been and continues to be an institution of opportunity that provides the necessary hope, guidance and resources for many to pursue their dream of education and the better life it affords; and

**WHEREAS**, ECSU has received for the third consecutive year a first place ranking in *Washington Monthly's* College Guide of "Best Baccalaureate Colleges;" and

**WHEREAS**, For the third year in a row, *US News and World Report* has ranked Elizabeth City State University in the top 20 HBCUs in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, ECSU has dramatically strengthened the economy and quality of life of our community and provided for many a path to independence and success; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elizabeth City Council recognizes, honors and commends Elizabeth City State University, its faculty, staff, alumni and students for persevering to fortify its proud legacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Joseph W. Peel, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City declare **OCTOBER 2016** as **ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY MONTH** and encourage all our citizens to recognize the profound impact the university has on the success and health of Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County and Northeastern North Carolina; and further, I call upon educators, public officials, professional organizations, corporations, and all citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that acknowledge the countless contributions this institution and its alumni have made.

**THIS**, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

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Joseph W. Peel  
Mayor

*Attest:*

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Vivian D. White, CMC/NCCMC  
City Clerk