## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2013

## HOUSE BILL 917 RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT ADOPTING THE DUBLIN PEANUT FESTIVAL AS THE STATE OFFICIAL PEANUT FESTIVAL.

Whereas, Dublin, North Carolina, is the official home of the Dublin Peanut Festival; and

Whereas, the community of Dublin has celebrated the Dublin Peanut Festival on the third Saturday in September for over 20 years; and

Whereas, the community festival began on September 18, 1993, as a way to help build a gymnasium/multipurpose building for the community and the Dublin Elementary School; and

Whereas, the goal of the festival is to make the community and local schools stronger; and

Whereas, the Dublin Peanut Festival provides family-oriented activities, such as a pageant, parade, games, entertainment, food vendors, craft shows, and firemen's competition; and

Whereas, it is estimated that the Dublin Peanut Festival brings in over 2,000 visitors annually; and

Whereas, staging of the festival could not be accomplished without the support of the Dublin Peanut Festival Committee, Committee Chair, volunteers, local businesses, Dublin's governmental officials, and the community; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

## "§ 145-47. State peanut festival.

The Dublin Peanut Festival, held the third Saturday of September of every year, is adopted as the official peanut festival of the State of North Carolina."

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest

President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat McCrory Governor

