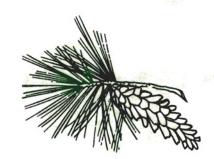
State of North Carolina







Michael F. Easley Governor

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I do by these presents confer

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine

with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary privileged to enjoy fully all rights granted to members of this exalted order, among which is the special privilege to propose the following North Carolina Toast in select company anywhere in the free world:

Here's to the land
of the long leaf pine,
The summer land
where the sun doth shine,
Where the weak grow strong
and the strong grow great,
Here's to "down home,"

By the Governor