

Statement from Labor Commissioner Luke Farley on Governor Signing the ‘Make Elevators Great Again’ Act

North Carolina Labor Commissioner Luke Farley has issued the following statement after Governor Josh Stein signed House Bill 559 - the “Make Elevators Great Again” (MEGA) Act - into law:

“I appreciate that Governor Stein has signed the Make Elevators Great Again Act - my plan to enhance public safety on elevators & amusement rides and restore trust in government services,” said Commissioner Farley. “This bipartisan law is a model for government efficiency, giving the NC Department of Labor the tools we need to eliminate the elevator inspection backlog, strengthen rider safety, and deliver faster, more reliable service to the people of North Carolina - all without costing taxpayers a dime.”

“I also want to thank the General Assembly for their overwhelming support of our MEGA bill. This was my top legislative priority, and I’m proud to see it signed into law just months into my first term as Labor Commissioner. With this law in place, we’re ready to go to work - recruiting more inspectors, reducing delays, and raising the bar for safety across North Carolina.”

The NC Department of Labor will begin immediate implementation of the law.

N.C. Department of Labor Launches “Beat the Heat” Campaign to Promote Summer Safety

Workers and employers urged to stay safe in the summer heat

The summer heat is here. Labor Commissioner Luke Farley and the N.C. Department of Labor (NCDOL) are reminding employers and workers alike to take simple, effective steps to prevent heat-related illnesses on the job.

“Heat illness is preventable,” said Commissioner Farley. “Whether you’re in the field, on a construction site, or working outdoors in any capacity, the keys to staying safe are simple: rest, water, and shade. Safety is a shared responsibility, and by working together, we can make sure everyone goes home safe and healthy at the end of the day.”

The Department’s “Beat the Heat” campaign is a renewed push to prevent heat illness – offering practical tools and best practices designed to help both employers and employees end heat stress and heat-related injuries. These include:

- A heat safety calculator
- A real-time heat index app
- Hazard alerts and training videos
- Agriculture-specific safety resources, including podcasts and sample safety programs

These resources are available on NCDOL’s Heat Injury and Illness Prevention page, accessible directly at: Heat Injury and Illness Prevention | NC DOL

Workers and employers are encouraged to carry a free wallet-sized card provided by NCDOL that includes a QR code for quick mobile access to heat safety resources.

Commissioner Farley added, “This isn’t about new regulations. It’s about common-sense steps and working together to protect the people who provide for their families and power our economy.”

For more information or to request materials, visit www.labor.nc.gov.

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- July 10 Thursday - Teddy Bears' Picnic Day
- July 10 Thursday - Clerihew Day
- July 11 Friday - Cheer Up the Lonely Day
- July 12 Saturday - Simplicity Day
- July 13 Sunday - Embrace Your Geekness Day
- July 14 Monday - Pandemonium Day
- July 15 Tuesday - Gummi Worm Day
- July 16 Wednesday - Corn Fritters Day

Church

JULY 12
Missionary Conference At Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 9am-12 noon. Showing faith, hope & love through community missions. Speakers are Dr. Sharon Little, Deaconess Janice Bennett & Rev. Alban Burney. Lunch will be served. All are invited.
JULY 20
Annual Men’s Day At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 11:45am with Elder Gary Gaddy. Everyone is welcome.
Women in Red / Men in Black Program At Parsons Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lilesville, 3pm with Rev. Sharon Lockhart of New Grove MBC. Please wear red or black & join us!
JULY 20 - 23
Homecoming & Revival At Henry Grove Baptist Church. Sun-Pastor Marcus Blue at 11am, Rev. Carol Turner of Sneedgrove AME Zion in Ellerbe at 2:30pm. Mon-Rev. George Ellis of Union Grove Baptist Church in Lauringburg, Tue-Apostle Janice Martin of Restoration Deliverance and Hope Ministry, Wed-Rev. Johnnie McCullers of Friendship Baptist Church in Hamlet, all at 7pm.
JULY 20 & 23 - 25
10th Annual Holy Convocation At Victory Temple Miracle Center, 1685 Morgan Sellers Rd in Wadesboro. Sun-“Musical” at 3:30pm. Wed-Fri nightly services 7:30pm. Info 704-294-4917.
JULY 20 - 24
Revival At Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries Fellowship Hall, 3760 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro. Sun-Pastor Larry Williams at 11am; Mon-Rev. Dr. Margo Gaddy; Tue-Bishop Arvester Lindsey; Wed-Bishop J.F. Quick; Thu-Pastor Cindy Wiggins, all at 7pm.
JULY 27
11th Appreciation Service for Elder Gary Gaddy At Johnson Chapel Holiness Church, 3:30pm with Apostle Marvin Leak of Sound Doctrine Fellowship in Rockingham. All are welcome.
JULY 27 - 30
Revival Services At Chilson Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Sun-Rev. Columbus Kiser at

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11am followed by dinner. Mon-Wed Rev. Kiser at 7pm nightly. Come & join us!

Homecoming & Revival At Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Homecoming Sun at 11am. Revival Mon-Rev. John Kirkpatrick, Tue-Rev. Joletha Dockery, Wed-Rev. Jerry Tyson, all at 7pm.

JULY 27 - AUGUST 1
Revival Services At Rose of Sharon FCOG in Ansonville. Sun-Sermon by Bishop Arvester Lindsey at 12 noon. Nightly services Mon-Fri with Rev. Vincent Tillman, Pastor of Life Giving Church of God in Concord, at 7:30pm.

AUGUST 3 - 4
Homecoming & Revival At Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Cairo Rd in Morven. Homecoming 11am Sun with Pastor Rev. Michael McLeod. Mon-Rev. Ricardo Leak of Gatewood Station AME Zion Church in Morven at 7pm. All are invited.

AUGUST 10
Homecoming At Elizabeth Pee Dee Baptist Church in Lilesville at 11am with Min. Brian Hardison from Grace Temple Fellowship Church. Everyone is invited.

ONGOING
Service Schedule At Abundance Grace Ministry of Morven. Sunday School 10am, praise & worship 11am. Discipleship class Thur at 6:30pm. All are welcome

Events

JULY 15
Board of Commissioners Meet 6pm in Board Room, Suite 209, in Government Center, 101 S Greene St in uptown Wadesboro. Meetings are available online at [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Anson Commissioners. To appear, sign up prior to meeting. Info 704-994-3201.

JULY 17
Free Food Anson Mobile Food Market 10:00am at HOLLA! located at 229 Main Street in Morven. Fresh veggies, fruit & bread if available. Blood pressure checks, along with healthy living topics & booths. Nothing required to receive food, just come! Sponsored by Anson Extension Service.

JULY 28
NAACP Meeting They invite you to attend. 6:30pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 612 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro. They welcome everyone. For info: Sinic Marsh mrs6@yahoo.com or 704-254-0630.

The Month of July

July is named after Roman dictator Julius Caesar (100 B.C.–44 B.C.). Caesar developed the precursor to the Gregorian calendar we use today.

July Calendar

- **July 3** brings the start of the hot and sultry Dog Days of Summer! We consider the Dog Days to be the 40 days beginning July 3 and ending August 11. These days occur soon after the summer solstice in late June, which also tends to be the beginning of the worst of summer’s heat.
- **July 4** is Independence Day (U.S.). On the fourth of July, we celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Don’t forget to raise the flag.
- **July 10** the Full Buck Moon. It reaches peak illumination at 4:37 P.M. (EDT).
- **July 14** is Bastille Day, which commemorates the storming of the Bastille and the start of the French Revolution.

July’s birth flowers are the larkspur and water lily. The Larkspur, especially white forms, generally indicates lightheartedness; pink, fickleness; purple, first love. The water lily symbolizes purity of heart.

July birthstone is the ruby, which is believed to protect its wearer from evil. “Ruby” is derived from the Latin rubeus, which means “red.” This gem is a red form of corundum; all other colors are sapphires. The ruby’s color is due to the presence of chromium, which also makes the gem subject to cracks. High-quality rubies are transparent, vibrant, purplish red; cloudier samples, or ones containing brown, orange, or pink tones, are less valuable. Many rubies nowadays are heat-treated to improve color saturation and transparency. The ruby, along with the related sapphire, is the second hardest natural gemstone, with only the diamond being harder. The gem was once thought to protect warriors if worn on their armor or embedded in their skin. Considered the king of gems, the ruby symbolizes love, passion, energy, and success.

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