

# North Carolina

A Better Place To Be



## **Flag:**

That the flag of North Carolina shall consist of a blue union, containing in the center thereof a white star with the letter N in gilt on the left and the letter C in gilt on the right of said star, the circle containing the same to be one-third the width of the union. The fly of the flag shall consist of two equally proportioned bars; the upper bar to be red, the lower bar to be white; that the length of the bars horizontally shall be equal to the perpendicular length of the union, and the total length of the flag shall be one-third more than its width. That above the star in the center of the union there shall be a gilt scroll in semi-circular form, containing in black letters this inscription "May 20th, 1775", and that below the star there shall be a similar scroll containing in black letters the inscription: "April 12th, 1776".



## **North Carolina**

Once commonly known as the **Old North State**, because of its position and history, North Carolina has some beautiful mountain country which led it to also be known as the **Land of the Sky**. But the modern day nickname of the **Tarheel State** goes back to the mid 19th century. North Carolinians were known as "tarboilers" as early as 1845, also as "Tar Heels". Why they were so called is not really known - one suggestion is that a brigade of North Carolinians failed to hold a position during the war in 1869, and Mississippians blamed the fact that they had failed to tar their heels that morning. By 1844, the state was being called the **Tar and Turpentine State**, and by 1859 just **Turpentine State**. The Wright Brothers launched their first flight in North Carolina, and this has led to **First In Flight**, a nickname or motto which now appears on car licence plates, along with **First in Freedom**

## **Economy:**

**Agriculture:** Poultry and eggs, tobacco, hogs, milk, nursery stock, cattle, soybeans.

**Industry:** Tobacco products, textile goods, chemical products, electric equipment, machinery, tourism.