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Short Title: Designate Official Fall Festival. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ADOPTING THE AUTUMN LEAVES FESTIVAL AS THE OFFICIAL FALL
3 FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, the Autumn Leaves Festival, held annually in the Town of Mount Airy, is
5 one of the longest-running events in the State; and

6 Whereas, the Festival began as a celebration of the end of the tobacco and apple
7 harvesting season, and is now in its 49th year; and

8 Whereas, the Festival attracts over 200,000 visitors over a three-day weekend in
9 October of each year and provides fun activities for the entire family; and

10 Whereas, the Festival showcases the State's rich musical heritage with local
11 musicians performing styles that include old-time, bluegrass, and gospel; and

12 Whereas, over 200 artisans demonstrate their talents and skills passed down for
13 generations through unique arts and crafts; and

14 Whereas, attendees can sample "Food for the Soul," served with hospitality by local
15 civic and service organizations; and

16 Whereas, the Festival consistently ranks as one of the "Top 20 Events" in the
17 Southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society; and

18 Whereas, the State does not have an official fall festival; Now, therefore,
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

22 **"§ 145-48. Official fall festival.**

23 The Autumn Leaves Festival, held the second weekend of October of every year in Mount
24 Airy, is adopted as the official fall festival of the State of North Carolina."

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

