

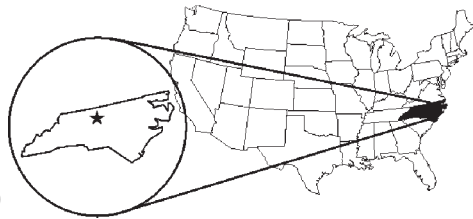
# GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA



*Population Rank:* U.S. .... # 77  
North Carolina ..... # 3

*Proportions:* 2:3 (usage)

*Adopted:* 5 April 1965 (official)



**DESIGN:** The field of Greensboro's flag is, not surprisingly, dark green. In the center of the field is a depiction, in yellow with dark green shadings, of Major General Nathanael Greene on horseback, in three-quarter profile, facing toward the fly. The horse, at rest, stands on a yellow base with **1808** on it in dark green. Surrounding the entire figure is an open wreath of dark green oak leaves detailed in yellow. The wreath is about 1.125 units in diameter on a field of 2 by 3 units. Centered horizontally across the top of the field is **CITY OF GREENSBORO**, centered across the bottom is **NORTH CAROLINA**, all in large yellow letters.

**SYMBOLISM:** Major General Nathanael Greene, for whom the city was named, was George Washington's second in command and a Revolutionary War hero. It is said that when he led his troops into the Battle of Guilford Court House (a decisive battle on March 15, 1781, that took place in what is today northwest Greensboro), the flag at the head of his troops was green. The oak leaf wreath symbolizes sturdiness and durability. The date, 1808, is the year of the city's incorporation.

**HOW SELECTED:** The Rotary Club of Greensboro initiated the idea of a city flag and solicited designs from the public. A. Earl Weatherly chaired the committee from the club that selected the favorite.

**DESIGNER:** Charles L. Hodgin, a member of the planning department at city hall.

**MORE ABOUT THE FLAG:** The Rotary Club had the first flags made, and presented one to the city on the date of its adoption.

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