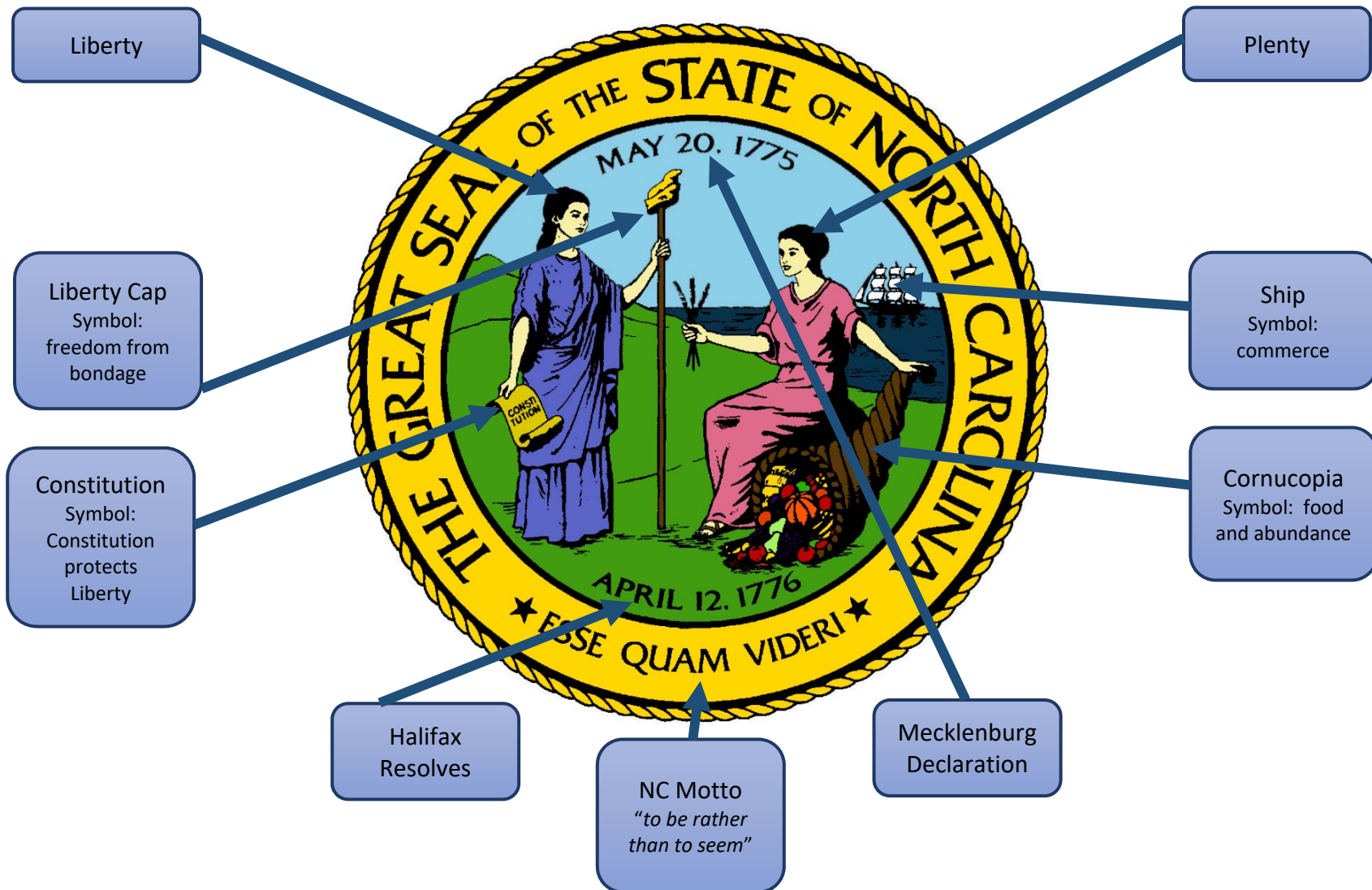


The Great Seal of the State of North Carolina



North Carolina developed four different state seals during the colonial period and there have been six state seals since North Carolina declared its independence from England. The Great Seal was standardized in 1971 and the final addition of the date for the Mecklenburg Declaration was made in 1983.