



Groundbreaking for MetLife Bringing 2,600 Jobs to North Carolina

Governor Pat McCrory joined business leaders and elected officials for the groundbreaking of MetLife in Cary on Friday, November 1. In March, Governor McCrory announced the global insurance giant would be creating 2,600 jobs in North Carolina, the largest job announcement on record in state history. MetLife is creating these jobs in Cary and Charlotte. Governor McCrory cited North Carolina's talented workforce and quality of life for attracting Fortune 500 companies such as MetLife. MetLife's expansion will bring a \$125 million investment to North Carolina.



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Governor Pat McCrory Meets With the North Carolina Education Cabinet



Governor McCrory met with the North Carolina Education Cabinet on Wednesday, October 30. The governor announced that North Carolina has begun eliminating duplicative tests to free our teachers to teach. Cutting down on unnecessary tests has been a focus of the governor's team after receiving feedback from educators and parents. The governor said North Carolina is moving toward fewer, but more comprehensive tests that will measure knowledge and efficiency, not just memorization.

Another focus of Wednesday's meeting was the implementation of the North Carolina Career and College Readiness Standards that have significantly raised the academic bar in North Carolina.

"These standards focus on what students need to know to be successful at the college level and ever-changing workforce, not just for the next grade," said Governor McCrory.

The governor commended the State Board of Education for adhering to these standards so administrators and educators can get a proper assessment of the areas that need improvement.

"North Carolina's children will benefit from pursuing rigorous standards and we are proud of our educators for helping us meet the challenges of our state's future."

Governors Convene at Governor John Motley Morehead Forum for Economic Development



Governor Pat McCrory joined former governors Hunt, Martin and Perdue on Wednesday, October 30 for the Governor John Motley Morehead Forum for Economic Development in Greensboro. The event held at Blandwood Mansion, the 18th century home of Governor Morehead, was part of the newly formed forum's initiative to host discussions on infrastructure, education and economic development.

"Governor Morehead's commitments to infrastructure, education and economic development are valuable examples of what we must continue to pursue to make North Carolina stronger," said Governor McCrory.

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Touring Altec and Glen Raven Facilities

On Monday, October 28, Governor Pat McCrory toured two manufacturing facilities in Yancey County. The governor met with company leaders and employees from Altec Industries and Glen Raven Technical Fabrics, both located in Burnsville, NC. Governor McCrory spoke about the importance of manufacturing and the economy.



"It was great to meet with employees and see the impressive operations at Altec Industries and Glen Raven Technical Fabrics in Burnsville," said Governor McCrory. "We are focused on improving education to provide the talented workforce and improving the economic climate to help businesses expand."

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Releasing Aid for Three Counties to Assist in Storm Recovery

Governor Pat McCrory received a federal disaster declaration Tuesday, October 29 to help three Western North Carolina counties recover from the severe flooding that occurred July 27.

Catawba, Lincoln and Wilkes counties can now seek federal funds to help pay for 75 percent of eligible infrastructure repairs, debris removal and emergency protective measures. Funds also are available to implement hazard mitigation measures statewide to strengthen infrastructure to prevent future storm loss.

"This declaration means that North Carolina will receive more than \$10 million in federal aid to help these communities repair their public infrastructure," Governor McCrory said. "These communities did a great job responding to the devastating floods and now we can help them recover financially."

A series of severe thunderstorms and heavy rains dumped between 10 and 20 inches of rain over much of the foothills and mountains from July 3 through 27. The record-breaking rainfall damaged roads, bridges, culverts, public utilities, parks and even some schools in many Western counties.

Flood aid was approved last month for 13 other mountain counties for storm damages that occurred in early July.

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Governor McCrory: No Special Session to Expand

Medicaid



Governor McCrory made it clear on Monday, October 28 he will not call for a special session to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Instead he wants to ensure the current Medicaid system is fixed so existing services for the elderly, women, children and the disabled are secure for future generations in North Carolina.

"I will not sacrifice quality care for the people truly in need, nor risk further budget overruns by expanding an already broken system," said Governor McCrory. "Calling a special session to further expand Obamacare in North Carolina is out of the question."

"We're listening to North Carolinians, engaging stakeholders, reviewing new federal regulations and analyzing data about the best way to fix our Medicaid program. We'll be submitting a reform plan in the spring and we will continue to evaluate what is best for the state, the Medicaid program and the healthcare needs of our citizens."

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Governor McCrory Addresses the General Federation of Women's Clubs Southeastern Region Annual Meeting



Governor McCrory spoke at the General Federation of Women's Clubs Southeastern Region Annual Meeting in Winston-Salem Friday, November 1.

The governor discussed North Carolina's economy in relation to the rest of the Southeastern states, as well as his administration's plans to support job growth in the state.

He also touted the accomplishments of his three female agency secretaries, Commerce Secretary Sharon Decker, Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz and Health and Human Services Secretary Aldona Wos.

Announcing Appointments to the Medicaid Advisory Council

Governor Pat McCrory has named three North Carolina health care leaders to the state's newly formed Medicaid Reform Advisory Group. The group will collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services as it develops a detailed plan to reform Medicaid in North Carolina.

The governor has appointed Dennis Barry, Peggy Terhune and Dr. Richard Gilbert. Barry is CEO emeritus of Cone Health, a multihospital system serving the Piedmont region. Terhune has been executive director/CEO of Monarch since 1995. Dr. Gilbert is the medical director of American Anesthesiology of the Southeast, which provides anesthesiology and pain management services to patients across five North Carolina counties. The Medicaid Reform Advisory Group will schedule public meetings to obtain broad stakeholder input and ensure transparency of the reform proposal.

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Fortify Reconstruction Project Begins on I-40/ 440



The Fortify project began on Monday, October 28 to rebuild a section of the I-40/440 beltline around Raleigh. North Carolina Department of Transportation officials discovered a section of the busy highway was deteriorating and in need of removal and reconstruction.

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Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

Governor McCrory was in Charlotte Saturday, November 2 to give a tribute to the Fallen Angels from the Carolinas at the "Patriot Gala" at Quail Hollow Country Club. The gala is put on for the Patriot Charities. Its mission is to financially assist nonprofit organizations and local programs within the Carolinas that focus on the immediate welfare, care and support of our wounded military and their families.

North Carolina has strong ties to the military, and the governor holds in high esteem the courageous work these men and women do every day to protect the freedom Americans hold dear.



Celebrating Halloween at the Governor's Mansion

Happy Halloween! The Executive Mansion was festooned with lights, tombstones and monsters on Thursday, October 31. It's a tradition to host neighborhood children at the mansion for trick-or-treating.

The governor visited with children and their parents, offering candy and cookies for the trick-or-treaters.



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