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## Governor Pat McCrory's Weekly Newsletter

November 3, 2014

### **Governor McCrory wants to make better connections from Elizabeth City to Norfolk, VA**

Governor McCrory, alongside Department of Transportation Secretary Tony Tata and Military Affairs Advisor Cornell Wilson, visited Elizabeth City last Friday to talk about how his new 25-year transportation vision will improve the economic prosperity of the region.



While at Elizabeth City Regional Airport, the governor discussed the need to create a better connection to the Hampton Roads and Norfolk areas of Virginia which will in turn create more economic opportunities for those in northeast North Carolina.

"We must continue to make the investments in northeastern North Carolina that will not only connect the region to surrounding economic hubs, but also support the mission of the Coast Guard and enhance our nation's military readiness," Governor McCrory said.

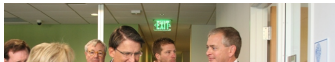
The governor also toured the Coast Guard Air Station Elizabeth City, one of the largest U.S. Coast Guard Air Stations in the nation and met with Base Commanding Officer, Commander Bruce Brown.

To view more photos from the governor's visit, click [here](#).



### **North Carolina to lead national innovation community**

Governor McCrory announced last Tuesday that North Carolina will lead a National Innovation Community, a coalition of 25 states and counting that will collaborate to bring innovative ideas and practices to government technology. The community was established as a resource for technology leaders who sought to replicate the success of North Carolina's Innovation Center (iCenter). It will be led by State Chief Information Officer Chris Estes.



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*"McCrory says it's already happening. And to drive that innovation, he plans to reward the first round of venture capital with his tax policy, adding that bringing more startups to North*

*Carolina is key to being a part of that Triangle."*

("McCrory at CEO Forum: We should be part of a new Triangle" by Lauren Ohnesorge, [Triangle Business Journal](#), October 30, 2014)

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“North Carolina is a national leader in using innovative technology to make government more efficient and customer-friendly,” said Governor McCrory. “We look forward to sharing our experiences and learning from other states as we all work to improve the service we offer our citizens.”

The Innovation Center is a “try before you buy” working lab where state employees, students and private industry evaluate technology before the state commits to buying it.

To read more about the innovation center, click [here](#).

## ***Don't forget to vote!***

Tomorrow is Election Day in North Carolina, so don't forget to vote. Polling places open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. in North Carolin. Click [here](#) to find some useful tools, or click [here](#) to find your polling place.

## ***Trick-or-treaters spooked at "Haunted Executive Mansion"***

Friday night was filled with fun and frights at the Executive Mansion and Governor McCrory was on hand to give guests the visit of a lifetime. Bowls of candy on the front steps awaited any trick-or-treater brave enough to pass the creepy cobwebs, haunted cemetery and ghoulish creatures that greeted those who entered.

For more pictures from the evening, click [here](#).



## **ICYMI: Wall Street Journal: States of Taxation**

### **Payments Begin for Eugenics Victims**

### **Seen on the Web:**

[@jorgeavalencia](#): Under NC's new 'Voter-ID' law, more people voted early this midterm than in 2010 #NCPol #NCGA #NCSen <http://wunc.org/post/more-people-vote-early-last-midterm-election>

@TataNCDOT: Congrats to newly promoted @us coastguard Petty Officer Ryan Bowman w @PatMcCroryNC officiating the ceremony #service



@mbizzell85: It was great meeting Governor @PatMcCroryNC yesterday during his visit to Johnston Co. @JoCo\_GOP @DavidRouzer



@ncicenter: Packed crowd for @PatMcCroryNC and @ncicenter announcement this morning. #innovatenc



@lironbenjamin: Had an awesome time getting to show off some of my work at the @ncicenter anniversary!







## ***Major General Cornell Wilson appointed to Veterans Administration's Advisory Committee for Minority Veterans***

Military Affairs Advisor to Governor McCrory, Major General Cornell Wilson, has been appointed to serve on the Veteran's Administration's Advisory Committee for Minority Veterans. Major General Wilson, who served as Commanding General, U.S. Marine Corps, Southern Command, is one of the nation's highest-ranking African-American military officers. The Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans is composed of veterans who represent minorities and are experts in areas related to the needs of their respective minority groups.

"This appointment is a testament to General Wilson's expertise and our commitment to making North Carolina the most veteran-friendly state in our nation," said Governor McCrory. "It is an honor to have General Wilson on my staff as he provides us a unique perspective on numerous issues facing our military and veterans."

To read more about General Wilson's appointment, click [here](#).

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