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Be sure to tune in to Governor Pat McCrory's biennial State of the State Address on February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Local news outlets across North Carolina will provide live coverage.

**Governor McCrory Proclaims February Black History Month in North Carolina**

Governor McCrory has proclaimed February Black History Month in North Carolina, encouraging citizens to learn about our state's rich heritage of black history and its profound place in the advancement of African American culture and life in the United States. The governor also announced his appointments to the African-American Heritage Commission.

"The establishment of Shaw University, Bennett College, 'Black Wall Street' in Durham, the sit-ins at Woolworth's - these and many more were pivotal moments in the history of our nation, and they reveal our state's wealth of courage, ambition and resolve," Governor McCrory said. "The black history milestones achieved in North Carolina still resonate today."

Programming focused on the impact of African American culture in North Carolina will be offered at state historic sites and history museums throughout the month. For a list of programming, click [here](#).

For a list of the governor's appointments, click [here](#).

**NC's unemployment rate drops to lowest in six years****In This Issue**[Unemployment Rate](#)[Google Fiber is Coming](#)[Helping Our Veterans](#)[Ecolab, Inc. Expansion](#)[Notable and Quotable](#)[Black History Month](#)[NC A&T Federal Grant](#)[Offshore Energy Exploration](#)[Seen on the Web](#)**Notable and Quotable**

"Since 1998, the program has enabled more than 2,400 projects worth nearly \$1.7 billion - cash flowing into local economies. Gov. Pat McCrory has mobilized his administration in an effort to bring the incentive program back. He gets how important it has been. So does Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Kluttz, who visited Fayetteville on Tuesday and toured some of

Governor Pat McCrory announced last Monday that North Carolina's unemployment rate dropped to 5.5 percent during the month of December, the lowest it has been in six years. This brings the total number of jobs added since the governor took office to 191,000.



"The latest report released last week continues to show that North Carolina is headed in the right direction when it comes to creating jobs and rebuilding the economy," said Governor McCrory. "While we are seeing more and more positive news on our economy, we must continue making the tough decisions that will move our state forward in a positive direction."

### **McCrory Administration Reforms Increased NC Veterans Claims by Over 12,000**

A new report released by the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs (NCDVA) last week shows that reforms completed within the first two years of the McCrory Administration have increased the number of completed veterans benefit claims in 2014 by 113 percent over the previous year, providing services to an additional 12,851 veterans. The productivity increase is credited to growth in service locations and to a four-pronged approach of intra-agency reform, inter-agency reform, outreach and legislative action.



"Today, more services are being provided in more places for more of North Carolina's veterans and their families than ever before," said Governor Pat McCrory. "If you appreciate veterans like I do, then serving twice as many as the previous year is really good news."

Read about the report [here](#).

### **Ecolab Inc. to Expand in Greensboro; Adding 45 New Jobs**

Governor Pat McCrory, N.C. Commerce Secretary John E. Skvarla III and the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. announced on Wednesday that Ecolab Inc. will expand its Kay Chemical Company operations in Greensboro and create 45 new jobs over the next three years. The company plans to build a new 37,000 square foot office building and invest \$10 million in Guilford County.

"Kay Chemical Company has had a great corporate presence in Greensboro for years," said Governor McCrory. "By building this new facility and adding these new jobs, the company is strengthening its continued commitment to North Carolina and to the city of Greensboro."

Located in Greensboro, Kay Chemical Company is a division of Ecolab Inc. The Kay business specializes in delivering customized programs to meet the unique food safety and sanitation requirements of the quick serve restaurants and retail food markets. Read more about the expansion [here](#).

### **Governor McCrory announces Google Fiber is coming to Raleigh-Durham**

*uesday and toured some of the properties saved by the program."*

("Our View: Historic building tax credit needs to be revived," Fayetteville Observer Editorial Board, [Fayetteville Observer](#), February 1, 2015)

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#### Seen on the Web:

@WendellScott\_34:  
@PatMcCroryNC with Frank and Warrick Scott  
@NASCARHall of Fame Induction Ceremony Dinner



@SusanKlutzDCR: 'Our downtown are our living rooms' says @PatMcCroryNC. Need to be vibrant to attract businesses & visitors.



Governor McCrory, alongside Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarlane, Durham Mayor Bill Bell and director of Google Fiber Michael Slinger announced on Tuesday that Google Fiber is coming to the Triangle and Charlotte metropolitan areas. Also in attendance were officials from Google Fiber expansion cities of Carrboro, Cary, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Garner and Morrisville.



“Improving broadband capabilities across North Carolina continues to be a priority for our administration,” said Governor McCrory. “Google Fiber will not only increase access, but increase speed and reliability in the Triangle and Charlotte metropolitan areas.”



Google Fiber is an Internet and TV service that provides Internet speeds up to one gigabit per second – that’s 1,000 Megabits per second, compared to the average Internet speed in America today of 11.5 Mbps – along with hundreds of HD TV channels. Google Fiber will be instrumental in encouraging economic development, supporting digital learning and increasing government efficiency. Read more about it [here](#).

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