

## McCrory Endorses ECU's Big 12 Bid

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Governor Pat McCrory has written a letter of support for East Carolina University's request for membership consideration in the Big 12 Conference. In the letter to Big 12 Conference Commissioner Bob Bowlsby, Governor McCrory highlights East Carolina University's academic and athletic success, as well as North Carolina's tradition of excellence in higher education and commitment to intercollegiate athletics.

Governor  
McCrory's  
letter reads:

East Carolina University is positioned both institutionally and athletically to be a successful and valuable member of the Big 12 Conference. Our state has a rich tradition of public universities with both excellent academic prowess and deep commitments to intercollegiate athletics. East Carolina University follows in that rich tradition and is prepared to strengthen that legacy.

East Carolina University's membership in the Big 12 would deliver the entire state of North Carolina. In addition to the 16,828 members of the Pirate Club and the more than 45,000 Pirate fans that attend home football games in Greenville, East Carolina University would provide the Big 12 a substantial presence throughout the 9th largest state in the country and leverage the combined television markets of Greenville, Raleigh, Wilmington and Charlotte.

On behalf of our more than 10,000,000 residents, and in support of the 28,000 current students and over 150,000 living alumni, the great State of North Carolina stands supportive of East Carolina University's request for membership consideration in the Big 12 Conference.