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## MAKING HISTORY



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The Overmountain Men perform a firearm demonstration in 2011 at the McDowell House in Marion. The event commemorated the march through western North Carolina to the Battle of Kings Mountain.

### Five events in North Carolina that changed the course of the American Revolution

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North Carolina played a significant role in the American Revolution. From being the first to call for freedom to being the site of pivotal battles that shifted the trajectory of the war, North Carolina was influential before, during and after America's call for independence.

Check out these five key events below to learn more about North Carolina's revolutionary past.

#### First Provincial Congress

This meeting, held in 1774, was the first independent assembly of North Carolinians not approved by royal authority and the first Provincial Congress in any of the colonies. The three-day congress was held in New Bern.

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#### America at 250: The story still unfolding

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### Frye given 'Immediate Jeopardy' status

Violations found at Hickory hospital visit; plan in place to correct problems

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Frye Regional Medical Center received an Immediate Jeopardy designation by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Jan. 23, putting the hospital's Medicaid and Medicare funding at risk if the hospital did not make changes to prevent patient harm.

Frye CEO Lindy White, who became CEO on Feb. 26, said the Hickory hospital has reviewed the issues that led to the hospital's Immediate Jeopardy designation and created a plan to fix those problems.



White

White said the plan has been submitted to the N.C. Department of Health Service Regulation and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and approved. The hospital was required to submit a plan within 23 days after the Immediate Jeopardy designation. As of April 9, the hospital was waiting on correspondence from the Centers for Medicare Services saying the Immediate Jeopardy status had been lifted.

#### What is Immediate Jeopardy?

Immediate Jeopardy means that a hospital may be in danger of losing Medicaid or Medicare funding if corrective actions are not taken to address issues.

According to the Medicare service guidelines for determining Immediate Jeopardy, the label is given to medical facilities when a hospital operates in an unsafe way. "Noncompliance which causes serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment, or death, or makes such an outcome likely is IJ (Immediate Jeopardy)," the guidelines say.

White said the Immediate Jeopardy designation came about as a result of how investigators scored issues they saw in-person at the hospital during an unscheduled visit in January.

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10 everyday items you didn't know you could compost. **LIVELY, D1**

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