EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 99

PORTS AND LOCAL ECONOMY COMPATIBILITY

WHEREAS, with Executive Order No. 32, I established the Governor’s Logistics Task Force to review the State’s transportation logistics, including conducting an inventory and evaluation of the State’s public and private transportation and commerce assets (such as ports, inland ports, airports, highways, railroads, major distribution centers, and business and industrial parks), exploring innovative ideas in transportation and economic development, and making recommendations to create an integrated logistics plan for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Governor’s Logistics Task Force, is conducting a study regarding North Carolina’s maritime logistics options; and

WHEREAS, there has been recent public outcry regarding the planned sulfur smelting plant at the Morehead City Port due to potential incompatibility between the proposed use of the port and the existing economy within Morehead City, the Town of Beaufort, and Carteret County; and

WHEREAS, it is important for state-owned and state-operated facilities to work with local governments and private neighbors to coordinate activities in such a manner that they may have an overall positive impact in the community of which they are a part.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Governor by the laws and Constitution of the State of North Carolina, IT IS ORDERED:

Section 1. The North Carolina Department of Transportation shall continue its study of the State’s maritime logistics. In coordination with the Governor’s Logistics Task Force and the North Carolina State Ports Authority, the Department’s study shall specifically identify activities at and uses of the Wilmington and Morehead City ports that are not incompatible with the underlying economic base and existing predominant economic sectors supported by the surrounding community.

Section 2. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this twenty-seventh day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

Beverly Eaves Perdue
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State