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NC and Moldova Sign Renewed Bilateral Agreement

Raleigh – North Carolina’s partnership with the country of Moldova took center stage this month in Moldova with the signing of the fourth five-year bilateral agreement between North Carolina and the Eastern European nation.

The agreement was signed during a ceremony in the capital city of Chisinau by NC Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall, who Co-Chairs the North Carolina/Moldova Bilateral Committee, and Moldova’s Deputy Foreign and European Integration Minister, Andrei Galbur.

Governor Pat McCrory signed the document before it left North Carolina and Secretary Marshall traveled to Moldova representing the State.

“North Carolina has had a long and beneficial relationship with Moldova,” Gov. McCrory said on Thursday. “I am grateful that this fruitful relationship will continue.”

The agreement outlines goals for the many cooperative programs between North Carolina and Moldova and encourages them to continue their commitment to coordinating academic, economic and cultural exchanges.

“Each of these exchanges between North Carolina and Moldova has been a powerful lesson in how to build international understanding on a person-to-person level,” Secretary Marshall said Thursday. “I hope our partnership becomes a role model for many other states and nations.”

Exchanges between North Carolina and Moldova have included North Carolina AHEC’s initiative to give Moldovan health care providers access to an expansive electronic medical library, and cooperative efforts by Rotary clubs around the state, the UNC School of Public Health, and the NCSU School of Agriculture.

The agreement was also signed by Moldova’s Prime Minister, Valeriu Strelet. Secretary Marshall led a delegation from North Carolina that met with the Prime Minister during the trip.

The first bilateral agreement was signed in 1999 to formalize North Carolina’s partnership with Moldova, forged through the NATO Partnership for Peace, which paired states in the US with former Soviet Union republics. The N.C. National Guard State Partnership with Moldova began in 1995 and is one of the longest running in the U.S. Department of Defense.



NC Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall and Moldova's Deputy Foreign and European Integration Minister Andrei Galbur following the signing of the bilateral agreement between North Carolina and Moldova. (Photo courtesy of Mark Gilchrist)