



## **A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONNECT NC BOND**

**Whereas**, for more than 50 years, the North Carolina Community College System has served the state of North Carolina and its citizens by opening the door to education and career training; and

**Whereas**, the 58 colleges within the North Carolina Community College System have trained and educated forty (40) percent of North Carolina's workforce over the last decade and account for forty six (46) percent of the alumni impact of higher education in North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, the campuses of the North Carolina Community College System must repair, renovate, and modernize facilities in order to educate and train a world-class workforce to meet the needs of an ever-changing economy; and

**Whereas**, the \$2 billion bond package will allow for much needed capital improvements while simultaneously providing construction jobs for local communities; and

**Whereas**, \$350 million will allow the 58 colleges within the North Carolina Community College System to upgrade and construct facilities to offer state-of-the-art learning experiences for the citizens of North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, \$350 million will allow the North Carolina Community College System to continue to serve as a national leader in higher education and workforce development.

**Whereas**, Blue Ridge Community College stands to gain over \$2.9 million in order to fund much needed infrastructural and new capital projects.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Blue Ridge Community College Board of Trustees strongly support the Connect NC Bond Act as it will enable North Carolina's systems of higher education to educate and train a highly qualified workforce for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and will support our state's parks, National Guard, community infrastructure, and agricultural resources.

**FURTHERMORE**, the Blue Ridge Community College Board of Trustees pledges to help educate and inform Henderson and Transylvania County citizens about the importance of the bonds while also encouraging the approval of all provisions of the Connect NC Bond Act on this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2016.

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John C. McCormick, Jr., Chair  
Board of Trustees

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