



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

North Carolina Education Cabinet
Statement of Support
April 17, 2019

WHEREAS, the economic future of our state depends on a highly skilled workforce, and all North Carolinians need access to the education and training required for career success; and

WHEREAS, as North Carolina's economy grows, the vast majority of new jobs will require education beyond a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, fewer than half of North Carolinians from ages twenty-five through forty-four have a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential; and

WHEREAS, the myFutureNC Commission, established in 2017, brought together leaders in education, business, philanthropy, faith-based, and nonprofit communities to establish an education attainment goal for North Carolina that will help ensure that our economy will continue to grow and our people will continue to thrive; and

WHEREAS, the myFutureNC Commission has set a statewide goal of two million working-age North Carolinians (twenty-five through forty-four years old) with a degree or credential beyond high school by 2030; and

WHEREAS, to achieve that goal, our state must work to strengthen education from early childhood through K-12 to postsecondary education and the workforce so that students graduate prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 116C-3, the North Carolina Education Cabinet is tasked with developing and maintaining a strategic design for the continuum of education programs across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned members of the North Carolina Education Cabinet do hereby:

- Endorse the myFutureNC Commission's goal to increase the number of North Carolina residents ages twenty-five through forty-four who hold postsecondary credentials or degrees to at least two million, or sixty-six percent, by 2030; and
- Commit to pursuing policies and programs within North Carolina that will help our state achieve that goal; and
- Call on the myFutureNC Commission to track the state's progress toward reaching the goal and report annually to the North Carolina Education Cabinet on that progress.

Governor Roy Cooper
Chair, North Carolina Education Cabinet

Secretary Mandy Cohen
Department of Health and Human Services

Chairman Eric Davis
State Board of Education

Superintendent Mark Johnson
Department of Public Instruction

President Hope Williams
NC Independent Colleges and Universities

Secretary Tony Copeland
Department of Commerce

President Peter Hans
NC Community College System

President William Roper
University of North Carolina System