WHEREAS, North Carolina leaders in education, business, industry, and State Government unanimously recognize the necessity of preparing a highly-skilled workforce to keep our great State viable and competitive within our nation;

WHEREAS, It is the mission of State leaders to educate, train, and prepare 2 million North Carolinians with a postsecondary degree or credential, by 2030. These leaders are keenly aware we are facing a critical educational/skills gap in the nearing future and our residents have to be equipped and prepared for the advanced credentials required for obtaining future employment;

WHEREAS, Surry Community College is committed to support this unified effort to improve and increase the employability of our citizens, thus resulting in stabilized economy for business, industry, and our communities within North Carolina;

Now, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Surry Community College Board of Trustees enthusiastically supports the North Carolina mission to eliminate the existing skills gap and prepare 2 million credentialed and postsecondary-degree possessing citizens for rapidly-approaching business and industry needs.

Unanimously Adopted at Dobson, North Carolina This Ninth Day of November, Two Thousand Twenty.

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