

Resolution to Support the myFutureNC Attainment Goal

WHEREAS, the myFutureNC Commission (the Commission) was chartered to involve the leaders of the education business, philanthropy, faith-based and non-profit communities from across North Carolina in developing an educational goal for our state; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has concluded that North Carolina should have as a goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high-quality post-secondary degree or credential by 2030 (up from 1.3 million today); and

WHEREAS, Land of Sky Regional Council is committed to helping employers in our region of Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties meet their workforce needs while helping job seekers and youth find a rewarding career pathway; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky region is home to North Carolina's first regional postsecondary credential attainment effort with The Land of Sky Educational Attainment & Workforce Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, The Land of Sky Educational Attainment & Workforce Collaborative has received funding from the John M Belk Endowment for our region's local postsecondary credential effort; and

WHEREAS, The Land of Sky Educational Attainment & Workforce Collaborative has released the report "Connecting the Dots That Lead to Educational Attainment and Gainful Employment Model" to build the foundation to increase postsecondary credential attainment in our region; and

WHEREAS, employers in the four-county region served by Land of Sky Regional Council have over 10,000 job openings currently and many of these jobs require some type of education and training beyond a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, most jobs in the Land of Sky region that pay a family sustaining wage require some type of education and training beyond a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, employers in advanced manufacturing, healthcare, hospitality, technology, skilled trades, and other sectors in the Land of Sky region depend on a highly skilled workforce; and increasing post-secondary credential attainment will help employers meet their talent needs.

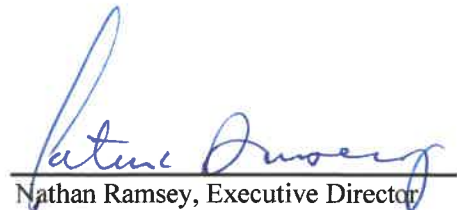
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY Land of Sky Regional Council Board of Delegates as follows:

1. That Land of Sky Regional Council strongly supports the myFutureNC Commission post-secondary credential attainment goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high quality degree or postsecondary credential by 2030.
2. That this Board will continue to support The Land of Sky Educational Attainment & Workforce Collaborative to foster partnerships across the region's education continuum and with leaders in business, philanthropy and government to achieve the goal.
3. That this Board will work with employers, educators, government, non-profits and workforce partners to increase the number of high-quality post-secondary credentials awarded in the region to help meet the statewide myFutureNC attainment goal.
4. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 24th day of March, 2021.



The Honorable Barbara Volk, Chair
Land of Sky Regional Council Board of Delegates



Nathan Ramsey, Executive Director
Land of Sky Regional Council