

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2021

SUBJECT: Resolution in support of the myFutureNC Attainment Goal

PRESENTER: Executive Director of Land-of-Sky Nathan Ramsey
President of Blue Ridge Community College Dr. Laura Leatherwood

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Resolution

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Nathan Ramsey, Executive Director for Land-of-Sky, requests the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution supporting the myFutureNC attainment Goal.

myFutureNC is a state-led nonprofit created to move the state's educational attainment goal of 2 million by 2030 into action. Achieving this goal will only be possible with cross-sector support at the local level. Over 120 organizations, including in our region AB Tech, Blue Ridge Community College, Land of Sky Regional Council and Mountain Area Workforce Development Board, have endorsed the goal and work of myFutureNC and they are hoping to have endorsements from all Local Education Agencies, Chambers, Boards of County Commissioners, Colleges and Universities, Economic Development organizations, as well as business and industry across the state.

Dr. Laura Leatherwood, President of Blue Ridge Community College, has been involved with this work over the last 1 1/2 years at a regional and local level, and feels this is an economic and workforce development imperative for not only Henderson County but the region and state, and respectfully requests consideration.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to review the attached Resolution.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move the Board adopt the Resolution supporting the myFutureNC Attainment Goal.

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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 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, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners is committed to helping employers in our region meet their workforce needs while helping job seekers and youth find a rewarding career pathway; and

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

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

WHEREAS, a post-secondary credential will help individuals find a rewarding career that will pay a family-sustaining wage; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky Education & Workforce Collaborative in our region of Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, and Transylvania Counties is the first multi-county regional attainment effort in North Carolina and is the regional pilot for North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky Education & Workforce Collaborative has developed a regional partnership with employers, educators, local governments, nonprofits, and other partners to increase post-secondary credential attainment in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Land of Sky Education & Workforce Collaborative has developed a strategic plan focused on regional best practices to support the education continuum from early-childhood education to adult learners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Henderson County Board of Commissioners strongly supports the myFutureNC Commission post-secondary credential attainment goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high-quality degree or post-secondary credential by 2030.
2. That this Board will continue to foster partnerships across our region's education continuum and with leaders in business, philanthropy, and government to achieve that 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 Board enthusiastically endorses the Land of Sky Education & Workforce Collaborative efforts to increase post-secondary credential attainment in our region.
5. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 5th day of April, 2021.

WILLIAM LAPSLEY, CHAIRMAN

Attest: Teresa L. Wilson, Clerk to the Board