

**Resolution
Expressing Support Of**

The Connect NC Bond Act

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

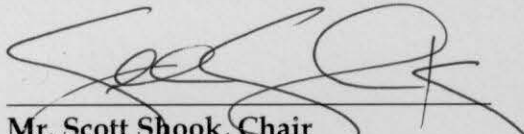
WHEREAS, the \$2 billion bond package will allow for much needed capital improvements while simultaneously providing construction jobs for local communities; and

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

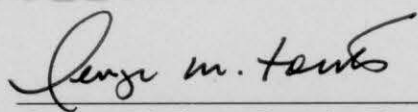
WHEREAS, \$350 million will allow the North Carolina Community College System to continue to serve as a national leader in higher education and workforce development.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the State Board of Community Colleges strongly supports 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 21st century and will support our state's parks, National Guard, community infrastructure, and agricultural resources. Furthermore, the State Board of Community Colleges pledges to educate and inform North Carolina's citizenry about the importance of the bonds while also encouraging the approval of all provisions of the Connect NC Bond Act on this 30th Day of October, 2015, in the City of Greensboro.



Mr. Scott Shook, Chair
State Board of Community Colleges



George M. Fouts, Interim President
North Carolina Community College System