

Resolution in Support of Statewide Attainment Goal

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is one of five states in the country without a shared postsecondary attainment goal; and

WHEREAS, the myFuture NC Commission, a statewide group of business, education, and government leaders, recently studied North Carolina's evolving workforce needs and the alignment between future demands and trends in educational attainment; and

WHEREAS, based on that study, the myFuture NC Commission developed an educational attainment goal that will ensure North Carolina remains economically competitive now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, to make progress towards that goal, the North Carolina higher education community must improve student outcomes, reduce the time to graduation, and create opportunities that meet the needs of today's students; and

WHEREAS, increasing on-time graduation rates at institutions of higher education and expanding access to high-quality workforce training places more graduates into the workforce more quickly, reduces student debt, and increases the supply of skilled workers in North Carolina, making the State a more attractive place to start, expand, or relocate a business; and

WHEREAS, postsecondary education includes workforce certifications and industry credentials, allowing citizens, regardless of age, to train or retrain for high-demand careers that are essential to providing the State's skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Community Colleges approved a strategic plan for 2018-22, "Putting Education to Work"; and

WHEREAS, the statewide educational attainment goal of myFutureNC supports the strategic plan goal of *Economic and Workforce Impact* and depends on successful achievement of plan goals related to community college *Student Interest and Access*, as well as *Clear and Supported Pathways for Student Progress and Success*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the State Board of Community Colleges adopts the attainment goal of the myFutureNC Commission -- that two million North Carolinians between the ages of 25 and 44 should have a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2030; and

THAT, in support of this goal, the State Board of Community Colleges will work towards the fulfillment of this goal through the strategic plan goals of its 2018-22 strategic plan "Putting Education to Work"; and

THAT, in support of this goal, the State Board of Community Colleges will promote the statewide attainment goal with the 58 North Carolina community colleges and the other key partners.

Signed on this 17th Day of May, 2019, in the City of Raleigh, on behalf of the State Board of Community Colleges,

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Scott Shook
Chairman

State Board of Community Colleges