

Resolution 2021-2 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 Town of Laurel Park 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 TOWN OF LAUREL PARK as follows:

1. That the Town of Laurel Park 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 16th day of March, 2021.

J. Carey O’Cain, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tamara Amin

Town Clerk