

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 1, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Resolution in Support – Connect NC Bond Act

**PRESENTER:** Chairman Thompson

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1.) Resolution

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt the attached Resolution in Support of the Connect NC Bond Act, which will be on the Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Primary General Election ballot.

According to the 2015 population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau, North Carolina surpassed Michigan to become the ninth most populous state. The State has seen the population grow by 2 million people since 2000, and there is a need to expand and repair existing infrastructure to ensure we can meet the demands of our growing population, continue the development of new jobs, and grow our economy.

Locally, if passed, the bond would provide \$2.96 million to Blue Ridge Community College for construction, repairs and renovations to the campus.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to adopt the attached Resolution as presented.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopt the attached Resolution in support of the Connect NC Bond Act.*

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## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONNECT NC BOND ACT

**WHEREAS,** North Carolina has seen its population grow by 2 million people since 2000, and there is a need to expand and repair existing infrastructure to ensure we can meet the demands of our growing population, continue the development of new jobs, and grow our economy; and

**WHEREAS,** a primary driver of job creation is our higher education system of community colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS,** \$1.25 billion dollars will be invested across the state in capital construction, repair and renovation; and

**WHEREAS,** beneficiaries will include 17 colleges and universities, together with investment in new construction, repairs, and renovations to all of the community colleges; and

**WHEREAS,** \$309 million in loans and grants will be invested in sewer and water projects statewide; and

**WHEREAS,** \$100 million will be invested in 48 state parks and the NC Zoo to repair and renovate, as well as update, facilities to make them accessible to citizens with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** \$180 million will be invested in agriculture, which contributes \$78 billion to the state's economy and accounts for 17% of the state's revenue; and

**WHEREAS,** \$70 million will be invested in modernizing National Guard facilities, which will also make the guard eligible for additional federal funding as North Carolina moves toward more centralized facilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners supports the \$2 Billion Connect NC Bond that invests in North Carolina's future, and urges all North Carolinians to Vote Yes in the Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Primary General Election.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Henderson to be affixed.

Adopted this the 1st day of February, 2016.

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THOMAS THOMPSON, CHAIRMAN  
HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

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TERESA L. WILSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD