

**County of Bladen Resolution  
in support of the  
North Carolina Work Ready Communities**

**WHEREAS, the County of Bladen *is committed to preparing students to become productive members of the workforce in meaningful careers through Bladen Community College;***

**WHEREAS, the County of Bladen *is committed to increasing Bladen County's competitive advantage by developing and training a highly educated workforce that is essential to the county's future prosperity and economic development;***

**WHEREAS, the County of Bladen *is committed to becoming a North Carolina Work Ready Community through appropriate educational training at Bladen Community College;***

**WHEREAS, the County of Bladen *is committed to encouraging employers in Bladen County to either prefer or require job applicants to have North Carolina Work Ready certifications;***

**WHEREAS, the County of Bladen *is committed to supporting optimal opportunities for potential work force employees to become certified as gold, silver, or bronze skilled workers through Bladen Community College;***

**WHEREAS, the County of Bladen *recognizes the value of measuring the number and skill-levels of trained work force employees and the potential impact this will have on development and retention of new and existing businesses in Bladen County;***

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF BLADEN COMMISSIONERS strongly supports the North Carolina Work Ready Communities Initiative through Bladen Community College, and pledges to educate and inform residents of Bladen County about the importance of maintaining a database of the skill sets of the workforce in the county, on this 21 day of August, 2017.**



**Charles Ray Peterson, Chairman**