

## **Resolution of Support for the College of the Albemarle**

**WHEREAS**, The County of Currituck is in need of constructing a Public Safety Center to the education and training of public safety professionals; the operations of public safety services, including Emergency management, 911 Communications, Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Medical Services, and Volunteer Fire Department; and, the protection of the citizens of Currituck County; and,

**WHEREAS**, The County of Currituck has invited the College of The Albemarle to be a long-term tenant in a new Public Safety Center, bringing to the Center a host of curriculum and continuing education training programs for the benefit of the entire Albemarle region; and,

**WHEREAS**, The College of The Albemarle (COA) is in need of state-of-the-art, efficient education and training facilities for its public safety programs, the relocation and consolidation of which would enable COA to create critically needed spaces in Elizabeth City for backfill with Trades Programs in Electrical, HVAC and Welding; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Currituck owns the property upon which the Public Safety Center will be constructed, and has experience at constructing county-owned facilities at a substantial savings; and,

**WHEREAS**, COA has available Connect NC State Bond funds for investment in spaces that it will occupy in the Public Safety Facility, but is unable to invest those funds in a joint venture with the County of Currituck without special dispensation from the North Carolina General Assembly;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CURRITUCK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT** strong support is given to the COA Board of Trustees to any legislative initiative that provides relief to the College from the General Statutes of North Carolina that would frustrate, restrict or prohibit COA’s investment of State Bond funds in a joint venture with the County in a Public Safety education and training facility to be constructed by said County.

Adopted this 20th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Bobby Hanig, Chairman

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Clerk to the Board