

Resolution #

Resolution in Support of the Connect NC Bond Act

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- WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly and the Governor approved the Connect NC Bond Act during the 2015 legislative session; and
- WHEREAS, that Act, if approved by the voters, would generate \$2 Billion through the sale of bonds; and
- WHEREAS, the \$2 Billion would be used for new construction and repairs to existing facilities on the 17 campuses of the of the University of North Carolina as well as the 58 campuses of the North Carolina Community College System; for infrastructure improvements to state and local parks and the zoo; on various water improvement and agricultural projects, and on repairs and improvements to National Guard and Public Safety facilities; and
- WHEREAS, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College will receive in excess of \$5 Million if the bond referendum is successful, using those funds for infrastructure repairs such as sidewalks, paving, and structural improvements many of which are presently deferred maintenance projects; and
- WHEREAS, A-B Tech serves nearly 25,000 students from Buncombe County and Asheville City annually in curriculum and continuing education programs; and
- WHEREAS, A-B Tech has served nearly one in four residents of the County and City since it was founded in 1959, specifically training hundreds of individuals for better lives through state-of-the-art instruction in high demand careers.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the Buncombe County Commission strongly supports the Connect NC Bond Act as it will enable North Carolina's systems of higher education to educate and train a highly qualified workforce for the 21st century, and will support our state parks, National Guard, and community infrastructure and agricultural resources.
2. That this Board pledges to educate and inform North Carolina's citizenry about the importance of the bonds while also encouraging the approval of the provisions of the Connect NC Bond Act.
3. That this resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 1st day of December, 2015 .

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUNCOMBE COUNTY

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

COUNTY ATTORNEY