

Resolution #: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUNCOMBE COUNTY TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION OF ASHEVILLE-BUNCOMBE COUNTY**

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WHEREAS, the Economic Development Coalition of Asheville-Buncombe County ("EDC") is an organization focused on leading the area's economic development efforts and positioning Asheville-Buncombe County as the top destination for new capital investment and job creation;

WHEREAS, it is proposed that EDC receive funding from Buncombe County for Fiscal Year 2017 ("FY17") in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 support nurturing high growth businesses, existing company expansion efforts, attraction marketing campaigns, and assisting companies with their site selection to generate economic impact in Buncombe County. In order to maximize return on investment the EDC developed a five year strategic plan focused on five target industries: Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Advanced Manufacturing, Science & Technology, Health Care, and Talent Development;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes §158-7.1, a county is required to approve any such appropriation or expenditure only after holding a public hearing and such county must first publish notice of the public hearing at least 10 days before the hearing is held;

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has organized the holding of a public hearing at the Board's June 21, 2016 regular meeting to discuss making this appropriation; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds that an appropriation to EDC for FY17 will enhance employment and business prospects for Buncombe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County, North Carolina, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners approves making this appropriation and spending from the County's general fund amounts to make a cash grant totaling \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Economic Development Coalition of Asheville-Buncombe County for FY17.
2. The County Manager, or her designees, are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to do any and all other acts and to execute any and all other documents, which they, in their discretion, deem necessary and appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution, except that none of the above shall be authorized or empowered to do anything or execute any document which is in contravention, in any way, of the specific provisions of this Resolution.

3. All acts and doings of officers, employees and agents of the County, whether taken prior to, on, or after the date of this Resolution, that are in conformity with and in the furtherance of the purposes and intents of this Resolution as described above shall be, and the same hereby are, in all respects ratified, approved and confirmed.
4. This Resolution is effective upon its adoption.

This the \_\_\_\_ of June, 2016.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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Kathy Hughes, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney