



*Resolution of Support for
The Connect NC Bond Act*

WHEREAS, for more than 50 years, Southeastern Community College has provided educational opportunities, cultural enrichment, and workforce development and training to the citizens of Columbus County and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Community College is a key partner in driving this region's economy by producing a skilled workforce to support current employers and attract new businesses and industries, and by providing higher education for citizens to advance their earning potential and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Southeastern Community College must repair, renovate, and modernizes its facilities in order to meet the needs of its students and expanding programs and services; and

WHEREAS, \$6.86 million of the bond package will pay for ongoing, much needed improvements for Southeastern Community College and provide a substantial savings to the people of Columbus County; and

WHEREAS, \$350 million will allow the North Carolina Community College System to continue to serve as a national leader in higher education and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the \$2 billion bond package will allow for much needed capital improvements across the state while simultaneously providing construction jobs for local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees 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 out state's parks, National Guard, community infrastructure, and agricultural resources. Furthermore, the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees pledges to educate and inform Columbus County citizenry about the importance of the bonds while also encouraging the approval of all provisions of the Connect NC Bond Act on this 19th day of January 2016 in the City of Whiteville, North Carolina.

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