

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
VIRGINIA INITIATIVE
FOR GROWTH & OPPORTUNITY
GO VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, the Virginia Initiative for Growth and Opportunity (GO Virginia) was initiated to encourage collaboration on private-sector growth and job creation by business, education, and government in each region; and

WHEREAS, the GO Virginia coalition's work is guided by three main points: (1) Virginia urgently needs strong private-sector growth; (2) Growth in Virginia's diverse regions requires collaboration; and (3) State government must be a catalyst and partner; and

WHEREAS, GO Virginia supports a voluntary, incentive-based approach as the best way to encourage regional cooperation on private-sector growth; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has approved \$35.95 million for GO! Grants, enacted legislation effective on July 1, 2016 and directed that guidelines be developed to implement the legislation by October 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as a regional economic development organization, the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development's main focus – fostering collaboration to promote economic growth and job creation in the region – aligns exactly with the GO Virginia initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership has led a successful collaboration of public, private and educational stakeholders for two decades and is uniquely positioned to foster the regional cooperation required to successfully execute GO Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Albemarle County agrees that the success and sustainability of Virginia's economic future depends on strong private-sector growth and supports state policies that encourage business, education, and local government to work together to create jobs and achieve shared economic development goals; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Planning Districts 9 and 10 will be combined to serve as a single region for the GO Virginia program and both Planning District Commission Directors have agreed to be integrally involved in supporting the Partnership in this endeavor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors supports the GO Virginia initiative to strengthen Virginia's economy in each region and, in the event that Planning Districts 9 and 10 are combined to serve as one of the defined regions for implementation of GO Virginia, supports the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development as the lead organization for GO Virginia in our region.

I, Travis O. Morris, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true correct copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held _____.

Acting Clerk, County Board of Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Dill	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Mr. Randolph	_____	_____
Mr. Sheffield	_____	_____