

## RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT Virginia Initiative for Growth & Opportunity GO Virginia

WHEREAS, the Virginia Initiative for Growth and Opportunity in Each Region (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, Governor Terry McAuliffe on December 17, 2015 announced his proposed Fiscal Years 2017-2018 state budget that included \$38.9 million in funding for the Growth and Opportunity Grants for GO Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development's mission is to foster job creation and increase capital investment in the region. And, to achieve this mission, the Partnership collaborates with business, nine localities (the Counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa Madison, Nelson and Orange and the City of Charlottesville), and higher education (University of Virginia, Piedmont Virginia Community College, and Germanna Community College); and

WHEREAS, the Partnership 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development supports the GO Virginia initiative to strengthen Virginia's economy in each region.

Adopted the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development being duly assembled.

ATTESTED:

Steve M. Nichols Chairman

Central Virginia Partnership for

**Economic Development**