



North Carolina
Department of Commerce
Division of Workforce Solutions

Pat McCrory, Governor
John E. Skvarla, III, Secretary

Will Collins, Assistant Secretary for Workforce

June 22, 2015

Mr. Keith Elmore, Commissioner
County of Wilkes
124 Old Cotton Mill Place
Roaring River, NC 28669

Dear Mr. Elmore:

Governor Pat McCrory has approved your request for initial designation of the High Country Workforce Development Local Area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The request was reviewed and determined to be in compliance with federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128, Section 106 (b). High Country Workforce Development Area consists of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey counties. This designation covers a two-year period effective July 1, 2015. Please proceed with implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Thank you and all the local partners for continued excellence in providing workforce development services to North Carolina's citizens and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Collins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the end.

Will Collins
Assistant Secretary of NC Commerce – Workforce Development
Executive Director - NCWorks