



## RESOLUTION TO JOIN WORKFORCE CONSORTIUM

**WHEREAS**, Mitchell County is presently within the High Country local area established under the Workforce Investment Act and certain citizens of Mitchell County are receiving job training and other program assistance funded under the program which is administered by the High Country Workforce Development Board and the High Country Council of Governments; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitchell County presently has an appointed representative serving on the High Country Workforce Development Consortium and also has appointed members serving on the High Country Workforce Development Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act has been enacted by Congress in replacement of the Workforce Investment Act, and allowing local governments to form a Consortium to create a Local Workforce Investment Area; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act:

1. Each County in the Consortium must designate a "chief elected official" to represent the County as a member of the Consortium Board, which Board is empowered to enter into contractual and other agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act; and
2. The Consortium must designate an administrative/fiscal agent to administer the program on behalf of the Consortium; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitchell County desires to continue receiving the federal assistance available for workforce programs and training and as otherwise available under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and further desires to enter into a consortium with the other counties that presently constitute the High Country Local Area as set forth in the Agreement of Counties to Create the High Country Workforce Development Consortium which has been presented as a draft to this Board and is to be maintained as part of the minutes of this meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** that Mitchell County shall enter into an agreement to create a consortium substantially same as the draft presented, to consist of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties to create a Local Area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that Mitchell County authorizes and directs Commissioner Hollifield, who has been designated by his or her Board of Commissioners, to serve as the County's "chief elected official" until his or her successor is installed, with signatory authority to execute agreements as necessary for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act purposes; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners authorizes the designation of the High County Council of Governments to be the administrative/fiscal agent to administer the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act on behalf of the Consortium and in conjunction with the Workforce Development Board.

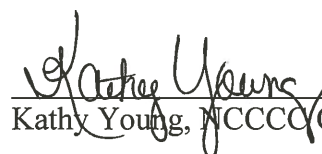
Adopted this the **22nd** day of **May, 2015**.

  
Ken Hollifield, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Young, NCCCC Clerk to the Board

I hereby certify that during the regular meeting of the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners on May 22, 2015, the above resolution was adopted.

  
Kathy Young, NCCCC Clerk to the Board