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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONNECT NC BONDS

WHEREAS, North Carolina has seen its population grow by two million people since 2000, when the last statewide bond issue was approved by 73% of North Carolinians, and continued growth is expected; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to expand and repair existing infrastructure to ensure we can meet the demands of our growing population, continue the development of new jobs, and grow our economy; and

WHEREAS, a primary driver of job creation is our higher education system of community colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, bond funding will allow new construction, repairs, and renovations to UNC constituent institutions and the community colleges; and

WHEREAS, a new allied and applied health classroom and laboratory building would be constructed at UNC Wilmington, where the healthcare workforce of the future will be prepared; and

WHEREAS, the new facility also would provide needed student academic support space for the soaring enrollment in the College of Health and Human Services and would include a space for the growing student veteran population at UNC Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, bond funding also will be invested in water and sewer projects statewide; in state parks and the NC Zoo to repair and renovate select facilities and make them more accessible to children and veterans with disabilities; in agriculture, which contributes \$78 billion to the state's economy; and in modernizing National Guard facilities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington supports the \$2 Billion Connect NC Bond, that invests in North Carolina's future, and urges all eligible North Carolinians to Vote Yes in the primary election to be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016. Vote yes to invest.

Michael B. Shivar, Chairman

Wilma W. Daniels, Vice Chair

Gidget Kidd, Secretary