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**RESOLUTION BY THE HAYWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SUPPORT OF  
NORTH CAROLINA PAT McCrORY'S CONNECT NC BOND PROPOSALS**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has seen its population grow by 2 million people since 2000, and 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**, \$1.25 billion dollars will be invested across the state in capital construction, repair and renovation; and

**WHEREAS**, beneficiaries will include 17 colleges and universities, together with investment in new construction, repairs, and renovations to all of the community colleges, of those Haywood Community College receiving \$2,831,380; and \$110,000,000 for Western Carolina University; and

**WHEREAS**, \$309 million in loans and grants will be invested in sewer and water projects statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, \$100 million will be invested in 48 state parks, to include the Mountains-to-Sea Trail which runs along the Balsams in Haywood County and the NC Zoo to repair and renovate, as well as update, select facilities to make them more accessible to children with disabilities and Veterans with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, \$180 million will be invested in agriculture, which contributes \$78 billion to the state's economy and accounts for 17 percent of the state's revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, \$70 million will be invested in modernizing National Guard facilities, which will also make the guard eligible for additional federal funding, as North Carolina moves towards more centralized facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haywood County Board of Commissioners do hereby support the \$2 Billion Connect NC Bond, that invests in North Carolina's future.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2016.

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Chairman, Haywood County Board of County Commissioners

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Clerk to the Board