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## **Resolution of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners**

## SUPPORTING THE CHATHAM AND HARNETT HEALTH SCIENCES CENTERS TO BE INCLUDED IN CENTRAL CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT CALCULATIONS

**WHEREAS,** Central Carolina Community College (CCCC) has proudly served Chatham, Harnett, and Lee Counties for more than 50 years as a top-ranked public educational leader providing high quality, in-demand programs and training; and

WHEREAS, CCCC is leading an innovative workforce development ecosystem, developing a robust talent pipeline to support unprecedented economic growth in central North Carolina, supporting the healthcare sector, as well as more than eighty (80) area manufacturing industries; and

**WHEREAS,** CCCC receives \$1.2M in supplemental funding to operate the main campuses in Harnett and Chatham Counties through multi-campus center funding; and

**WHEREAS,** CCCC is the largest rural community college in North Carolina, with a service area geographically larger than the state of Rhode Island, meeting students where they are via twenty (20) sites and campuses; however, only students who attend classes on the Chatham Main Campus or the Harnett Main Campus are included in multi-campus center funding calculations; and

**WHEREAS,** any non-contiguous campuses, such as CCCC's new state-of-the-art Health Sciences Centers in Chatham and Harnett, are excluded from being counted toward the three hundred (300) Full-Time Enrollment (FTE) threshold required to obtain multi-campus center funding; and

**WHEREAS,** the location of the Centers were strategically picked by the respective County Commissioners to serve the counties effectively (and cost efficiently), while still maintaining the natural connection to the county-specific main campuses; and

**WHEREAS,** these Centers are considered to be part of the county-specific main campuses and share joint provosts, joint education navigators, joint financial aid representatives, the same libraries, the same bookstores, the same cash management/business office services, and have shared administrative assistants; and

**WHEREAS,** arbitrarily excluding these sites' FTE from the county-specific main campus unduly burdens CCCC, limiting its ability to best provide training and education, and potentially impacting the college's funding; and

**WHEREAS,** this interruption in funding based on the unique nature of CCCC's counties/campuses is detrimental to students, industries, and the community at large served by CCCC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chatham County Board of Commissioners supports the proposal for the NC General Assembly to adopt formal language to prevent the unintended consequences of SBC (18 SBCCC 200.3} (c}(9), with proposed wording as follows:

The Full-Time Enrollment (FTE} earned at Central Carolina Community College's Health Sciences Centers in Harnett (<3 miles) and Chatham Counties (< 9 miles} shall be included in the FTE calculation for the Harnett Main and Chatham Main multi-campus centers, respectively, as approved by the State Board of Community Colleges. The Health Sciences Centers are part of the operations of the Main Campuses and share programmatic and administrative support staff and services.

Adopted, this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February.

Mike Dasher, Chair Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Jenifer K. Johnson, MMC, Clerk to the Board Chatham County Board of Commissioners