

RESOLUTION NO. 13329-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE REDESIGNATION OF LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREAS 14 AND 16 INTO A NEW SINGLE LOCAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128, (“WIOA”), local workforce development areas (“LWDAs”) within a planning region that want to re-designate into a single LWDA shall be given the opportunity to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Board of Workforce Development’s Policy, Number 200-07, entitled, “Process for Requesting LWDA Redesignation: Redesignation Assistance,” effective July 1, 2017, prescribes the process to be followed when a unit or a combination of units of political subdivisions request redesignation of their LWDAs as provided under the WIOA; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Peninsula Workforce Board (“GPWB”), tasked with overseeing the delivery of workforce services within LWDA 14, and the Hampton Roads Workforce Council (“HRWC”), tasked with overseeing the delivery of workforce services within LWDA 16, are part of one regional economic ecosystem serving the fifteen political subdivisions of Southeastern Virginia, including the City of Newport News; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2018 the GPWB and the HRWC executed a Resolution establishing the Southeastern Virginia Regional Workforce Collaborative (“the Collaborative”), whose purpose is to address the needs of area employers through a collaborative regional approach focused upon business engagement strategies, communication efforts, program development, provision of labor market intelligence, veteran transition support, and emerging workforce initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Collaborative has resulted in a significant number of successful undertakings, including: the creation of a Joint Business Services Team that has assisted over 4,000 employers, the implementation of a fundraising initiative which raised over \$250,000 in new private resources, the award of a \$100,000 GO Virginia Grant to establish the Hampton Roads Coalition for Talent, and the publication of a regional economic impact report that concluded there as a \$4.30 return on investment for each \$1.00 spent by the region’s two workforce boards; and

WHEREAS, the GPWB and the HRWC have requested to be re-designated into a new, single LWDA to oversee the delivery of workforce services within the fifteen political subdivisions located within Southeastern Virginia, as prescribed under WIOA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Newport News, Virginia:

1. That the request of the Greater Peninsula Workforce board and the Hampton Roads

Workforce Council to be re-designated into a new, single local workforce development area to oversee the delivery of workforce development services within the fifteen political subdivision located within Southeastern Virginia, as prescribed under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, be approved for submission to the Virginia Board of Workforce Development and subsequent action by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. That this Resolution shall be in effect on and after the date of its adoption, June 23, 2020.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS ON JUNE 23, 2020

Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC
City Clerk

McKinley L. Price, DDS
Mayor

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