



Town of Blowing Rock

1036 Main Street ★ Post Office Box 47 ★ Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605

A Resolution of the Town of Blowing Rock Town Council
Supporting North Carolina's "Connect NC Bond Proposal" for Referendum Vote on March 15, 2016

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has passed and Governor Pat McCrory has signed a \$2 billion bond initiative to be placed on the North Carolina Primary Election Ballot for an up or down vote by the people of this state on March 15, 2016. The Connect NC Bond Initiative is intended to connect North Carolina cities and towns in the 21st century by upgrading technology, constructing and improving educational facilities, enhancing medical services, supporting our military installations, improving parks and recreational facilities, and building and improving port and rail infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, these strategic investments, as proposed, are designed to benefit every community across this great State and will create jobs and improve the quality of life and environment for every community across this great State and will create jobs and improve the quality of life and environment for every North Carolinian; and

WHEREAS, because of North Carolina's fiscal strength and strong balance sheet, no tax increase will be required to fund these bonds, and in addition, the State's Triple A bond rating will be preserved; and

WHEREAS, by not addressing our serious infrastructure deficiencies now, our State will lose its ability to compete in the future, interest rates will go up, costs to taxpayers will increase, congestion will worsen and jobs will not expand at the rate needed to sustain a healthy and vibrant North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the bond proceeds will benefit projects in the northwestern North Carolina High Country Region that includes Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey Counties; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Carolina will be allowed to make the important decision of investing in the opportunities provided to our future generations through this Connect NC Bond Referendum initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Blowing Rock Town Council evidenced by this resolution, collectively supports the "Connect NC Bond Referendum" and encourages North Carolina's citizens (especially our citizens in Blowing Rock, NC) to support this critical referendum with an affirmative vote on March 15, 2016 to help ensure North Carolina's bright future and competitiveness on the global stage.

BY VOTE OF THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK TOWN COUNCIL MOTION BY:

_____ AND SECONDED BY _____

THIS THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.

J.B. Lawrence, Mayor

Sharon Greene, Town Clerk