



## *Resolution of Support for Connect NC Bond Referendum*

**Whereas**, Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) acknowledges that the Governor recommended and the North Carolina General Assembly approved the Connect NC Bond Act during the 2015 legislative session; and

**Whereas**, the \$2 billion bond package would be allocated for new construction and repairs to existing facilities on the 17 campuses of the University of North Carolina System as well as the 58 campuses of the North Carolina Community College System; for infrastructure improvements to state and local parks and the North Carolina Zoo; on various water improvement and agricultural projects; and on repairs and improvements to National Guard and public safety facilities within North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point and Fleet Readiness Center East (FRC East) are the primary economic drivers for Carteret, Craven, Jones and Pamlico Counties in the central coastal region of North Carolina; and

**Whereas**, the Connect NC Bond would provide over \$5.5 million to build a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) facility at Craven Community College in close proximity to MCAS Cherry Point and FRC East; providing an environment in which to educate engineers and other professionals crucial to the future success of our nation's military; and

**Whereas**, the Connect NC Bond would provide \$4.2 million in construction at Pamlico Community College to renovate classrooms and laboratories in the STEM curriculum, to train the workforce of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including military support industries; and

**Whereas**, the Connect NC Bond would provide \$2.7 million to build much needed facilities for Carteret Community College's Hospitality and Culinary programs, improving the educational opportunities for separating Marines, veterans, and military dependents in the Cherry Point region; and

**Whereas**, the Connect NC Bond would invest \$135,000 in improvements to Fort Macon State Park in Carteret County, enhancing the recreational opportunities for residents and tourists visiting the park; and

**Whereas**, these capital investments would support and enhance the military and commercial enterprises, personnel and dependents at Cherry Point by providing continuing education, job skills development, recreational opportunities and greater quality of life; and

**Whereas**, these capital investments would also provide construction-related jobs for businesses and employees in the Cherry Point region; and

**Whereas**, Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) recognizes that the Connect NC Bond would not jeopardize the state's strong credit ratings and acknowledges that interest rates are presently at historically low levels; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) supports the \$2 billion Connect NC Bond, that invests in needed infrastructure throughout North Carolina and especially in the Cherry Point region, and urges all citizens in the Cherry Point region to vote YES for the Connect NC Bond on the Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Primary Election ballot.

**Adopted**, this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.



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