

**AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE BERKELEY AND CHARLESTON COUNTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2014**

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA) provides funding for workforce development activities that meet the needs of businesses for skilled workers and training, education, and employment needs of individuals and as a result, improves the quality of the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act provides that the planning and administration of activities under the Act is to involve a Local Workforce Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorchester County Council finds that the employment and training needs of its citizens and employers can be best determined by the cooperative efforts of county government and the private sector at the regional level;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY** the governing body of Dorchester County, South Carolina, the Dorchester County Council, that:

Section 1. The Chairman of County Council is hereby authorized to sign an agreement whereby a Consortium of Counties to include Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties is formed for the purpose of implementing and carrying out as a Workforce Development Area the provisions of Public Law 113-128, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and any amendments thereto, with the following stipulations:

- A. **Membership**. The Consortium shall consist of the Chairperson of each County Council or his/her designee selected from among the membership of the County Council.
- B. **Workforce Development Board (WDB)**. The County Council Chairperson of each participating county shall appoint or reappoint WDB members under the requirements of the Act and criteria established by the Governor. Initial certification of the WDB will be based on compliance with the composition requirements outlined in Section 107(b)(2) as well as any additional criteria established by the Governor.
- C. **Administration**. The Consortium shall designate the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments as the sub-recipient/fiscal agency to carry out the administrative provisions of the Act. All funds allocated to the Workforce Development Area shall flow to the sub-recipient and be disbursed in accordance with the requirements of the Act.
- D. **Withdrawal**. Any county may withdraw from the Consortium by giving notice to the Consortium at least six months prior to the end of the initial two-year designation period and subsequent designation periods.

Section 2. The Chairman of County Council is hereby authorized to sign the Workforce Development Area Designation Petition prepared by the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments in compliance with Local Workforce Development Area Designation Procedures as prescribed by the State of South Carolina and Section 106 of the Act. Section 106(b)(2) of the Act states that "During the first 2 full program years of this Act, the Governor shall approve a request for initial designation as a local area

from any area that was designated as a local area for the purposes of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 or the 2-year period preceding the date of the enactment of this Act, performed successfully and sustained fiscal integrity". Further, section 106(b)(3) states that "After the period for which a local area is initially designated under paragraph (2), the Governor shall approve a request for subsequent designation as a local area from such local area, if such area -(A) Performed successfully; (B) Sustained fiscal integrity; and (C) in the case of a local area in a planning region, met the requirements in subsection c(1)".

**ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.**

**DORCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL**

BY: C. David Chinnis  
C. David Chinnis, Chairman

ATTEST: Sally K. Hebert  
Sally K. Hebert, Clerk