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**Chamber Resolution (15-1): Support for Innovative Governance & Programmatic Realignment  
& Location of the Charlottesville–Albemarle Technical Education Center**

WHEREAS, our Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1913 and today with more than Chamber 1,200 member and affiliate member enterprises employing more than 45,000 people in our communities, representing an estimated total payroll of more than \$1.75 billion a year, is dedicated to *"representing private enterprise, promoting business and enhancing the quality of life in our Greater Charlottesville communities;"*

WHEREAS, our Chamber has strongly supported educational advancement and enhancements at all levels for more than a century, including, as stated in our guiding *"Code of Chamber Public Policies"*:

*"... Businesses support the foundation of a strong educational system needed to allow people to make the most of their jobs and life opportunities. Businesses provide the jobs and economic base from which our fellow citizens in our community can and do improve their lives. The combined power of private enterprise and education can enhance the quality of life of the greatest number of our fellow citizens ...*

*"It is essential that governments and schools work cooperatively with employers, particularly businesses, to provide programs that support workforce development and better prepare students for career-ladder employment, impart a greater understanding of basic economics and encourage good citizenship.*

*"A strong education system and the availability of technically skilled people are vital to our region's future prosperity and quality of life. We recognize that business and industry must continue to play a critical role in ensuring that schools and workforce development programs are of the highest quality.*

*"We support the establishment of programs and policies that will achieve a technically skilled, trainable workforce throughout our region. Further, we ... support continued professional education, industry certification programs and technical training programs at our existing workforce training centers;"*

WHEREAS, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center (CATEC), has served thousands of citizens of Albemarle County and Charlottesville admirably for decades;

WHEREAS, CATEC is poised for modern governance structure and educational programs realignment with the needs of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century global, diverse, competitive and technically agile workforce;

WHEREAS, CATEC has developed an innovative strategic plan to guide its future development; and,

WHEREAS, among partnership opportunities, the leading, most exciting and promising partnership – for student program, education and workforce opportunities – and a possible new campus location – is Piedmont Virginia Community College, a recognized and innovative educational institution;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of our Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, that our Chamber fully supports innovative development of career pathways that integrate programs at the Charlottesville-Albemarle Technical Education Center and at Piedmont Virginia Community College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of our Charlottesville Regional Chamber of Commerce, that our Chamber supports a comprehensive review of the facilities needed to support the career pathways to include consideration of a joint use CATEC-PVCC technical education center.

X/ Charles A. Zakaib

Chairman of the Board of Directors

June 23, 2015

X/ Timothy Hulbert

President