



**Resolution supporting the Sales Tax Referendum
to increase wages for Teachers and Front-Line Workers**

WHEREAS, Business High Point – Chamber of Commerce is the voice for the business community representing 800 member organizations and is the champion of bold initiatives to move our community forward; and

WHEREAS, our mission is to help High Point and our region do business better; and

WHEREAS, Business High Point aims to work in partnership with efforts that empower our workforce to grow and stay here in High Point and Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, Business High Point supports the Guilford County Board of Commissioners resolution passed on June 20, 2024 directing the Guilford County Board of Elections to add a referendum to the November 2024 ballot permitting the levy of a .25 percent, a fraction of a penny, sales and use tax for consideration by the citizens of Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, Business High Point supports the Commissioners goal for this sales and use tax to be used for increasing the County’s local supplement towards compensation for teachers and classified employees of Guilford County Schools; and

WHEREAS, Business High Point supports the intent of this referendum to make local teacher salaries more competitive, which can help our schools recruit and retain talent; and

WHEREAS, schools needs front-line workers (custodians, mechanics, bus drivers) to be paid at a market rate; and

WHEREAS, our city and region will be benefitted and viewed as more attractive through such efforts that improve the quality of education in Guilford County; and

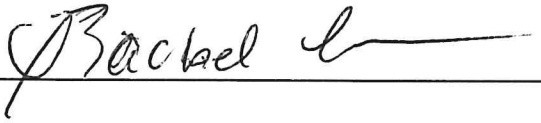
WHEREAS, Business High Point supports that the proposed sales tax referendum is a fraction of a penny, yet will not apply to such items as gas, groceries and prescription drugs; and

WHEREAS, this sales tax referendum will spread the cost of education to residents and visitors; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of Business High Point enthusiastically supports the Guilford County Commissioners and the passed resolution to add a

sales tax referendum to support teachers and front-line workers as well as advance the County's position to grow and attract business.

Be it resolved this 18th day of September 2024



Rachel Collins, President & CEO
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Greg York, Chairman of the Board
Business High Point, Inc.