RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Whereas, the foundation of an effective and thriving American democracy is a collection of well-educated and motivated citizens; and

Whereas, changes to the economy and society now require all students to graduate high school better prepared to enter postsecondary education or an increasingly competitive workforce; and

Whereas, without a well-trained workforce, Missouri faces a future of high unemployment, low-paying jobs and economic failure; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has established an Education Reform Plan with an overarching goal of having the state's public education system rank in the top 10 on national and international measures of performance; and

Whereas, Missouri currently ranks in the middle of the 50 states in terms of educational performance; and the state needs to have higher expectations to ensure a bright future for its children; and

Whereas, there is a clear and well-documented relationship between the education provided to residents and the economic prosperity of the states and communities in which they live;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that this organization offers its support to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in the department's efforts to provide a solid, actionable plan for improving the education provided to all students in Missouri's public schools; and

Be It Further Resolved, that this organization agrees with the department that uniting around a common purpose and vision for improving public education will benefit both schools and businesses throughout Missouri.

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