



**RESOLUTION FOR ELIZABETH CITY DOWNTOWN, INC.  
IN SUPPORT OF ¼ CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM**

At a regular meeting of the Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. on March 22, 2018, the Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. Board of Directors, on a unanimous vote, adopted the following resolution in support of the One-quarter of a Penny Sales Tax Referendum:

**Whereas**, Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. understands that an effective, high-quality public school system is a high priority for both business owners and professionals considering relocating to or expanding in our area; and

**Whereas**, the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Public Schools is in need of additional funding beyond the funding currently allocated for its operations by Pasquotank County for capital investment and repairs, and particularly for investment in technology for student use; and,

**Whereas**, the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners has agreed to put on the May 8, 2018 ballot a referendum proposing to raise the sales tax paid in Pasquotank County by one-quarter of a penny; and,

**Whereas**, the proposal if passed would raise an additional \$1 million per year in revenue for capital investment and repairs, and particularly for investment in technology for student use; and,

**Whereas**, unlike property taxes, which are borne entirely by Pasquotank County property owners, a portion of the quarter of a penny sales tax would be paid by visitors to Pasquotank County; and

**Whereas**, communicating to the public the benefits that would accrue to students and to the larger community as a result of passage of this referendum will be essential to said passage; and

**Whereas**, those benefits would improve Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc.'s ability to attract businesses to downtown and will improve our area's ability to attract and retain high-wage employers to our area, as well as to improve its ability to assist existing high-wage employers in Pasquotank County in attracting and retaining professionals critical to their business operations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. Board of Directors does hereby approve taking action to support and promote this worthwhile Tax Investment in our students and, in turn, in the larger community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc. Board Members are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, on behalf of the Board, to make, publish, and deliver such documents and promotional materials as deemed appropriate to promote this worthwhile Tax Investment.

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2018:

Timothy Williams, Chairman  
Elizabeth City Downtown, Inc.