## RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-0009

## A RESOLUTION OF THE BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ESTABLISHING FORMAL SUPPORT OF THE SMITHVILLE WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation ("BEDC") is a public instrumentality and non-profit industrial development corporation duly established and operating under Texas Local Government Code, Chapters 501 and 505 *et seq.*, as amended, known as the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Smithville Workforce Training Center ("SWTC") is a nonprofit organization connecting students in this region to workforce training and certification programs as well as addressing the barriers students face related to taking advantage of educational opportunities, with the intention to build the capacity of the broader rural community, linking training to jobs that pay a living wage; and

WHEREAS, the SWTC is currently funded through grants from a variety of sources (including two ARPA grants through the City of Smithville and Bastrop County, the EDA Good Jobs grant through Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area, several St. David Foundation grants, and others), and administers these grant funds to operate the Training Center, and is constantly seeking sustainability through diversified funding sources; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors of the BEDC desire to formally acknowledge the importance of the training provided by SWTC and establish their full support; and

**WHEREAS**, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose at which it was read was given in accordance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION THAT:

**SECTION 1.** The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated herein as if restated in full.

**SECTION 2.** The Board authorizes BEDC's Board Chair or Interim Executive Director to take any lawful action necessary to support the endeavors of the Smithville Workforce Training Center.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution is effective upon passage.

 PASSED AND APPROVED on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 by the

 Board of Directors of the Bastrop Economic Development Corporation.

## [SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

BASTROP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Ron Spencer, Board Chair

ATTEST:

Charles Washington, Board Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech, P.C. Board Counsel