

RESOLUTION NUMBER 25-03

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA WORKFORCE FUTURE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Investment Board (AWIB) is the state's lead planning and coordinating entity for workforce development programs, ensuring that Alaska's workforce is prepared to meet current and future industry demands; and

WHEREAS, the AWIB recognizes the critical importance of a strategic, comprehensive approach to workforce development to enhance economic growth, support businesses, and provide Alaskans with meaningful employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the **Alaska Workforce Future Plan** has been developed through extensive collaboration among industry stakeholders, educational institutions, government agencies, and community organizations to address the evolving needs of Alaska's labor market; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Workforce Future Plan outlines key strategies, including:

- **Enhancing Career Awareness and Pathways:** Promoting career education and aligning training programs with industry needs to prepare Alaskans for high-demand occupations.
- **Developing a Skilled and Qualified Workforce:** Expanding training programs, apprenticeships, and work-based learning opportunities to equip workers with the necessary skills.
- **Retaining and Attracting Alaskans:** Reducing employment barriers and marketing Alaska as a desirable place to live and work.
- **Fostering Regional Workforce Development:** Establishing regional teams to address localized hiring and training challenges.
- **Improving Infrastructure and Support Services:** Addressing critical issues such as housing and child care that impact workforce participation.
- **Ensuring Sustainability and Coordination of Workforce Efforts:** Strengthening partnerships and aligning resources to maximize the impact of workforce development initiatives.

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of the Alaska Workforce Future Plan is essential to meeting the state's economic and employment goals, ensuring that Alaska's workforce is resilient, adaptable, and competitive in the global economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Workforce Investment Board fully supports the Alaska Workforce Future Plan and commits to collaborating with all relevant stakeholders to implement the strategies outlined therein.

Signed by:

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