



**RESOLUTION OF
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
January 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina does not have an enacted budget for the FY 19-21 biennium;
and

WHEREAS, the UNC System is experiencing record enrollment, serves more than 240,000 students across the state, is graduating students at the fastest rate in state history, and employs nearly 47,000 North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the current proposed budget, House Bill 966, includes funding for several critical and time-sensitive University investments, including but not limited to:

- \$630,000,000 in authorized capital projects, including funding for the new Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University,
- New health sciences building at UNC Pembroke,
- New steam plant for Western Carolina University,
- New library and crime laboratory at Elizabeth City State University;
- \$130,000,000 in much needed repairs and renovations; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 966 also provides funding for several major projects and initiatives across the University System, including but not limited to:

- Operating funds needed to facilitate the opening of the new Morganton campus of the North Carolina School of Science and Math in the Fall of 2021;
- Funding for the N.C. Promise Program, which reduces the cost of tuition to \$500 per semester tuition at Elizabeth City State University, UNC Pembroke and Western Carolina University;
- Funding for N.C. A&T State University's designation as a doctoral program; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 354 provided approximately four percent raises over the next two years to university faculty and staff, who are critical to our mission to serve the state; and

WHEREAS the absence of an enacted state budget for FY 19-21 hurts UNC System institutions, faculty, students, and the communities we serve, and threatens the ability of the University to serve the citizens of the State and contribute to the economic vitality of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina strongly encourages all elected leaders who support and value the world class higher educational systems in North Carolina to move swiftly to enact House Bill 966 and approve with the provisions originally included in Senate Bill 354. Further, we call on all boards of trustees to create and approve a concurring resolution as soon as practical.

Adopted this 17th day of January, 2020.

Randy Ramsey, Chairman

Secretary