

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONNECT NC BOND ACT

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina School of The Arts was founded over 50 years ago in buildings previously housing a public high school in Winston-Salem, and is extraordinarily successful in its unique mission as North Carolina's conservatory for the performing arts, educating and granting high school, undergraduate and graduate degrees to students who, through employment of their talents, positively impact many facets of entertainment, arts and media in North Carolina, throughout our country and around the world.

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts is a proud constituent institution of the University of North Carolina, and it needs funds for repairs and renovations to serve all of its current and future students;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has voted to include a \$2 billion bond referendum that invests in education, parks, recreation, safety and water and sewer on the March 2016 ballot; and

WHEREAS, it has been 15 years since the last general obligation bond was authorized to upgrade our state's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, since that time, North Carolina's population has increased by 2 million people; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Act is a prudent use of North Carolina's borrowing capacity; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina is a multi-campus university dedicated to the citizens of North Carolina through teaching, research and service; and

WHEREAS, the Connect NC Bond Act includes \$10.9 million for repair and renovations at the UNC School of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, this funding would be used to repurpose the vacant old library on campus for uses in support of arts and academic programs and the efficient operation of the campus and to make necessary repairs and improvements to Performance Place, the primary performance facility on campus; and

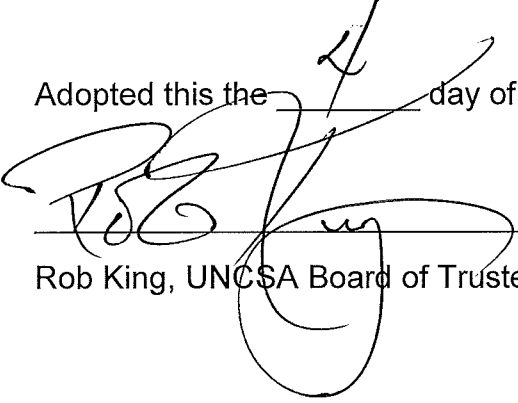
WHEREAS, the bonds are subject to voter approval on the March 15, 2016 ballot and deserve rightful consideration of the citizens of the State: and

WHEREAS, the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina has determined that approval of these bonds is in the best interest of the UNC system, including UNC School of the Arts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNC School of the Arts Board of Trustees strongly supports the higher education bond proposal because it is central to upgrading the state's infrastructure and furthering the mission of UNC School of the Arts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UNC School of the Arts Board of Trustees pledges to educate the citizens of North Carolina about the importance of the Connect NC Bond Act and encourage all North Carolinians to vote "Yes" in the Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Primary General Election.

Adopted this the 4 day of December, 2015.



Rob King, UNC SA Board of Trustees Chairman