



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF THE MIDLAND COLLEGE BOND REFERENDUM**

WHEREAS, it is the vision of the Midland Chamber of Commerce to create the best business climate on the planet; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Midland pride themselves on achieving excellence in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Midland Chamber of Commerce recognizes that access to quality higher education is essential to our community's success; and

WHEREAS, higher education is necessary to the training and development of a highly skilled workforce that meets the need of Midland's industrial base; and

WHEREAS, Midland has experienced tremendous growth in population over the last decade, and that growth is projected to continue for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment for Midland College is projected to increase by 64% by 2030, from approximately 6,100 students today to over 10,000 to meet workforce demands; and

WHEREAS, this growth will add 35,000 students trained for high-demand, high-paying jobs over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond will provide state-of-the-art facilities, including a 250,000-square-foot Applied Technology Complex and a 52,000-square-foot Health Sciences addition, to support the education and training of a highly skilled workforce in technical and healthcare fields; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond will provide for critical upgrades and renovations to address age-related concerns to existing facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Midland College students, instructors, and staff is essential for academic success, and the proposed bond includes vital enhancements to safety and security infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the projected ten-year economic impact of these investments is estimated to add \$2.4 Billion to the local economy over the next decade; and

WHEREAS, delaying action in addressing Midland College's facility limitations and concerns will negatively impact workforce development and require greater investment at a later date.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Midland Chamber of Commerce endorses the passage of the Midland College \$450 Million bond referendum to address critical facility needs, enhance campus safety, and support the development of a highly skilled workforce and recommends to its members and the citizens of Midland that they vote to approve the proposition on May 3, 2025.

Approved on April 1, 2025

ATTEST:


Melissa Wicker, Chairman


Evan Thomas, President & CEO