



Board of County Commissioners

Administrative Committee

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE OFFSHORE WIND TRAINING PROGRAM IN SALEM COUNTY AND SUPPORTING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TO THE NEW JERSEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the County of Salem is working to encourage the development of the offshore wind industry throughout the County, expected to add approximately \$6 billion in economic activity and 1,500 direct and indirect jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the County and its partners direct resources to ensure that the jobs created by this burgeoning industry are available to workers within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Mid-Atlantic State Career and Education Center ("MASCEC"), a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation located within the County, has a twenty-year track record of successfully training, educating, and providing career and job skill development for job seekers throughout Salem County's overburdened communities; and

WHEREAS, MASCEC has assembled a team comprised of the leaders of well-respected educational institutions within the County of Salem to develop a comprehensive offshore wind training program; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Economic Development Authority ("NJ EDA"), through its Offshore Wind Workforce and Skills Development Grant Challenge, has solicited applications for funding to assist with projects intended to launch or expand workforce development and skills training programs focused on strengthening and diversifying the NJ offshore wind workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the County of Salem are in support of such an application for the mutual benefit of the people of the County and the offshore wind industry within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the County of Salem, hereby declare its support for development of an offshore wind training program within the County of Salem as well as its support for the filing of an application for grant funding to the New Jersey Economic Development Authority by Mid-Atlantic States Career and Education Center and their educational partners.

BENJAMIN H. LAURY, Director of the
Board of County Commissioners

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on January 18, 2023.


STACY L. PENNINGTON
Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
E. Ramsay		✓	✓			
C. Taylor			✓			
D. Timmerman			✓			
G. Ostrum Jr.	✓		✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

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