



**Resolution to Adopt the Indiana Attainment Academy Action Plan
December 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Indiana Governor's Workforce Cabinet has adopted a goal that at least 60 percent of Hoosiers complete education beyond high school by 2025; and

WHEREAS, Indiana currently ranks 35th in the nation in educational attainment with 48.5 percent of Hoosiers having completed education beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, increasing educational attainment in Indiana will provide Hoosiers greater job satisfaction and security, enhanced economic mobility, increased civic involvement and a higher quality of life; and

WHEREAS, increasing educational attainment in Indiana will require significantly increasing the number of Hoosiers enrolling in and completing postsecondary education and training programs as well as closing achievement gaps; and

WHEREAS, Indiana participated in a multi-state academy, convened by Education Strategy Group and State Higher Education Executive Officers, focused on meaningful, industry-aligned postsecondary credential attainment; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Attainment Academy conducted cross-sector strategic planning to address educational attainment and equity barriers, with representatives from secondary and postsecondary education, workforce development and the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the action plan outlines innovative steps to increase the number of postsecondary credentials awarded to high school and college students, increase FAFSA filing statewide, increase the number of working adults earning credentials and ensure equitable and quality offerings for online instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Attainment Academy emphasized the importance of educational equity and to avoid barriers that disadvantage students of color and students from low-income backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, increasing educational attainment in innovative ways is consistent with the goals reflected in Indiana's Strategic Workforce Plan, *A Better Future for Every Hoosier*;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that

- I. The Indiana Governor's Workforce Cabinet adopts the Indiana Attainment Academy action plan and commits to work jointly with other state agencies, institutional partners, employers and other stakeholders to implement the plan's objectives; and
- II. The GWC recommends the state agencies and other stakeholders on the GWC, including the Indiana Department of Education, be an engaged partner in implementing these strategies; and
- III. The GWC calls upon Indiana's institutions of higher education, employers, and philanthropic organizations to provide support to implement the items within the action plan focused on postsecondary educational attainment, equity barriers, and economic mobility.