

RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR DEPARTMENT OF
COORECTIONS TRANSITION FROM PRISON TO COMMUNITES
INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, over 95% of all inmates in North Dakota state prisons will eventually be released and return to society sometime in their lives, and

WHEREAS, prisoners who have successfully completed some form of initial assessment, job skill training and have identified community support services prior to their release have a better chance of not returning to prison, and

WHEREAS, North Dakota businesses are experiencing shortages of skilled workers to meet their workforce needs, and

WHEREAS, Many North Dakota businesses are recognizing rehabilitated Ex-Offenders as a viable source of talent for them and their community, and

WHEREAS, Department of Corrections and Rough Rider Industries already provides prisoners with work readiness and skill training and is planning to expand their operations to serve additional prisoners, and

WHEREAS, Department of Corrections and Rough Rider Industries has the potential to provide training in basic skills and skilled trades which can provide solutions to some of the workforce needs for North Dakota business and industry, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Workforce Development Council recognizes the potential of the Department of Corrections and Rough Rider Industries in helping prisoners successfully re-enter society by providing them with opportunities to develop a demand skill, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Workforce Development has gone on record in support of the plan which Department of Corrections and Rough Rider Industries has developed to expand their efforts to prepare prisoners for successful re-entry into society and meaningful career employment, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Dakota Workforce Development Council supports the Department of Corrections and Rough Rider Industries plans to seek funding from the 2009 Legislative Assembly to expand their services and provision of training in high demand occupations to facilitate successful transition of prisoners into society.

CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the North Dakota Workforce Development Council is comprised of 25 voting members, of whom 18, constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 20th day of November 2008, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an unanimous vote of the members present, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed this 2 day of Feb., 2008

s/s T. J. Russell, Chairperson

