

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION REGARDING SUPPORT FOR THE STUDY OF CHILD CARE WORKFORCE ISSUES AND STATEWIDE STRATEGIES FOR EXPANDING THE AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY CHILD CARE

WHEREAS, in order for North Dakota businesses to remain competitive in a global economy, they need access to an available and trained workforce, and

WHEREAS, to maximize participation of individuals in the North Dakota workforce, individuals with dependent children need access to quality, standard hour and non-traditional child care, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Child Care Resource and Referral Network is administering a U. S. Department of Labor child care grant to develop career ladder opportunities and apprenticeships for child care workers as a way to promote career opportunities in child care, and develop model child care programs to serve as demonstration sites, and

WHEREAS, The North Dakota Workforce Development Council recognizes the need for formalized career ladder opportunities for entry-level child care workers, and the importance of establishing standards of quality, professionalism, and credentials for child care professionals, and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Workforce Development Council has gone on record in support of career ladder and apprenticeship as a means to elevate the profession, support professional development and provide career paths and progression of child care workers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Workforce Development Council supports development of statewide policies and initiatives to continue and expand the coordination, promotion, implementation, and evaluation of initiatives designed to elevate the profession and expand access to quality child care for working families in North Dakota.

CERTIFICATION:

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the North Dakota Workforce Development Council is comprised of 25 members, of whom 17 members, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 6th day of January, 2005, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 17 members, and opposed by 0 members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed this 7th day of January, 2005.

s/s Al Lukes, Chairperson

