

**RESOLUTION ON KENTUCKY RISING SUPPORTED BY THE
KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION, COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION AND
EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**


- Whereas, The Kentucky Board of Education, Council on Postsecondary Education and Education Professional Standards Board have successfully planned and implemented a unified college- and career-readiness plan that has resulted in improvement of the college- and career-readiness rate of high school graduates from 34 percent to 62 percent; and*
- Whereas, The challenge of education is to prepare students for the world into which they are graduating, whether it be to enter and succeed in college, the workforce or the military, as well as to participate actively in civic life; and*
- Whereas, Citizenship is not just about making informed choices in local, state and national elections, but in having the knowledge, understanding, tools, and propensity to effectively engage in global commerce, issues and interests; and*
- Whereas, A strong, integrated system of education enhances not only individual opportunity, but the economic viability of local communities and the quality of life of their residents; and*
- Whereas, Fully 21 percent of jobs in the state are tied to international trade. Kentucky exports have reached \$25.3 billion and now travel to 198 countries. Exports make up 13 percent of the state's gross domestic product (GDP), and in 2013, Kentucky had the second highest growth in exports nationally;*
- Whereas, 410 foreign-owned companies are operating and investing in Kentucky and Kentucky markets are diversifying to include not only automobiles and the legacy industry of bourbon distilling, but also hair and skin care companies, foods, and pharmaceuticals; and*
- Whereas, The Kentucky Board of Education shares a common goal to establish Kentucky as a world leader in the high, value-added international trade of goods and services with broadly shared prosperity for its residents.*

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education commits to the development and implementation of a unified strategic plan titled Kentucky Rising, the purpose of which is to create a Kentucky workforce and citizenry that will be globally aware and globally competent, and considered among the world's best trained and best educated.

*Done in the city of Frankfort, this fourth day of
February, in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen*



Roger Marcum, Kentucky Board of Education Chair



Terry Holliday, Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner