RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO ACQUIRE AND INTEGRATE THE VIRGINIA TECH CARILION SCHOOL OF MEDICINE INTO VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ("Virginia Tech") and Carilion Clinic have a long history of collaborative research and the development of programs that are beneficial to both parties, as well as a history of strengthening the state, local and surrounding Southwest Virginia economies with increased research funding and private investment, and

WHEREAS, as part of Virginia Tech and Carilion Clinic's collaborative work, the parties entered into a public-private partnership detailed in an agreement memorialized in writing effective May 8, 2008, and updated June 22, 2011, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that agreement, the parties established a medical school titled the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, to assist in the alleviation of the shortage of physician specialists in the Southwest Virginia region, and

WHEREAS, as part of said agreement the parties agreed to the creation of a biomedical research institute titled the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute, and

WHEREAS, the parties determined that the affiliated medical school and research institute would strengthen the state, local and surrounding Southwest Virginia economies with increased research funding, private investment, enhanced medical education opportunities, and improved patient care to our communities, and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Virginia Tech Plan for a New Horizon, biomedical education and research are areas of special interest for the continued growth of Virginia Tech, and

WHEREAS, the next evolution in strengthening the medical school and enhancing the ability of the Virginia Tech Carilion Research Institute to work with talented medical students in common research problems is to incorporate the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine into Virginia Tech, and

WHEREAS, Carilion Clinic leadership has expressed strong interest in the incorporation of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine into Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, the future incorporation of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine into Virginia Tech will require notification, review, and approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the State Council on Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV), the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors, the Carilion Clinic Board of Directors, and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Board of Directors, and other accrediting or regulatory bodies, as required; **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that, subject to the concurrence of the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Board and the Carilion Clinic Board, the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors expresses its desire to acquire and integrate the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine into Virginia Tech consistent with the policies and procedures of SACSCOC and other accrediting and regulatory bodies.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution expressing the intent to acquire and integrate the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine into Virginia Tech be approved.

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