

**Resolution authorizing the designation of Franklin County as the local workforce development area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.  
(Commissioners)**

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 required the establishment of local workforce investment areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 991-03 on October 28, 2003 authorizing an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Columbus requesting the designation of Franklin County as a local workforce investment area and to authorize the creation of the Central Ohio Workforce Investment Corporation (COWIC); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 550-04 on June 22, 2004 authorizing an agreement between Franklin County, the City of Columbus, and the COWIC for the COWIC to serve as fiscal and administrative agent for carrying out local workforce development activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WOIA) that was signed into law on July 22, 2014 requires consultation with the chief elected officials and local boards in order for the Governor to make the initial designation of the local workforce development area required under the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the COWIC called together a Workforce System Redesign Group comprised of the Executive Committee and other Board members that has recommended that Franklin County remain as a single county local workforce development area enhanced with regional collaborations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the attached Workforce Development Area Designation Application designating Franklin County as the local workforce development area under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is hereby approved.

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