

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Area Health Education Center Network of (State) is composed of the (University AHEC Program Name) AHEC, based at (Name) School of Medicine at (University Name) in (City), the (local AHEC Center Name) AHEC based in (City), the (second local AHEC Center Name) AHEC based in (City), and the (additional AHEC Center Name/s) AHEC based in (City/ies); and

WHEREAS, Part of a national network of more than 235 community-based Center in 49 states, Area Health Education Centers are unique among state-supported, agency-based health workforce programs; each center collaborates with a wide range of partners at the local and state levels to develop a quality health care workforce and help address unmet health-related needs in underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Area Health Education Centers play a vital role in addressing these needs through several initiatives; they recruit students from these communities to participate in career training, foster educational experiences to encourage students to address the needs of the underserved, and help place health care professionals in communities where they are most needed; and

WHEREAS, Area Health Education Centers offer programs to improve health literacy and increase consumers' understanding of health care, and they assist communities in evaluating and refining their local health system to meet regional needs; and

WHEREAS, the innovative approach of the AHEC network strengthens the health care infrastructure of communities, thereby enhancing economic development and quality of life for many people; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That I, (Name), Governor of (State), hereby honor the Area Health Education Center Network of (State) for its dedication to improving the health of residents of communities across the state through a variety of important efforts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the Area Health Education Center network of (State) as an expression of high regard by the Governor of (State), (Governor's Name).