



**Economic Development Authority
of Albemarle County, Virginia**

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT
A GO VIRGINIA REGION 9 CLUSTER SCALE UP IMPLEMENTATION
GRANT FOR THE REGION'S WINE INDUSTRY**

WHEREAS, GO Virginia is a statewide economic development initiative designed to drive the growth of higher paying jobs and diversify regional economies by incentivizing collaboration between business, higher education, and local government through regional councils;

WHEREAS, the GO Virginia Region 9 Council represents the city of Charlottesville; and the counties of Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, and Rappahannock;

WHEREAS, the wineries within Region 9 cumulatively represent the most acres under vine of any region in Virginia and a comprehensive analysis of the wine industry has not been completed;

WHEREAS, the GO Virginia Region 9 Council supported the region's wine industry through a planning grant that helped identify barriers to scaling up and exporting nationally and internationally and develop strategies to address identified gaps;

WHEREAS, the wineries and localities within Region 9 seek to obtain an implementation grant from GO Virginia Region 9 to develop, expand, and advance the productivity and profitability of the region's wine industry throughout Virginia and beyond through a two-year Cluster Scale Up project;

WHEREAS, the requested GO Virginia implementation grant is conditioned upon local matches to leverage state funding;

WHEREAS, the County of Albemarle and this Authority, through Project ENABLE, works jointly with businesses, higher education, and other local governments in Region 9 to support economic development initiatives;

WHEREAS, Project ENABLE identifies "Agribusiness and Food Processing" which includes the wine industry as a target industry;

WHEREAS, this Authority shares in that mission and strategic plan and has supported match grants previously to GO Virginia grants to promote economic development in Albemarle County and the surrounding localities; and

WHEREAS, the Authority finds it remains in the best interests of the County to support the County's and region's wine industry through this multijurisdictional project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Authority hereby appropriates and grants \$20,000.00 as a match to the GO Virginia Region 9 implementation grant to support the above-stated goals.

MOTION

I move that the EDA adopt this Resolution appropriating \$20,000.00 to the County of Nelson as the lead applicant for a match to the implementation grant from GO Virginia Region 9 subject to the terms of the Resolution and the terms of the GO Virginia grant guidelines and agreement and to authorize the Authority's Chair and Treasurer to execute all documents necessary to complete this match grant.

I, Donald D. Long, Chair, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is the Resolution duly adopted by the Albemarle County Economic Development Authority by a vote of _____ to _____ as recorded below, at a meeting held on February 18, 2025.

Donald D. Long
Chair

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Dir. Long	_____	_____
Dir. Johnson	_____	_____
Dir. McNaughton	_____	_____
Dir. Mottola	_____	_____
Dir. Morrill	_____	_____
Dir. Storm	_____	_____