

RESOLUTION NO. 17-R34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, **SUPPORTING THE FUNDING REQUEST OF INDIAN RIVER STATE COLLEGE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE TREASURE COAST ADVANCED MANUFACTURING CENTER**; DIRECTING CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, serving as the primary workforce training and technical service provider for St. Lucie County and the City of Fort Pierce, Indian River State College (IRSC) is ideally positioned to grow manufacturing and trade industries on the Treasure Coast; and

WHEREAS, over the past two years, IRSC has committed \$2 million in private funding and received \$6.5 million in legislative appropriations from the State of Florida toward a \$23.3 million state-of-the-art Treasure Coast Advanced Manufacturing Center; and

WHEREAS, while the region is most appreciative of this public support, this critically important facility is \$14.8 million short of breaking ground; and

WHEREAS, a 2017 Treasure Coast Skills Gap Study completed by the Economic Development Council (EDC) of St. Lucie County, Gehant & Associates, and in collaboration with business and educational leaders across Okeechobee & the Treasure Coast, identifies the planned IRSC Treasure Coast Advanced Manufacturing Center as a vital resource for filling many of the high demand jobs in trades and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, our community is well aware of Electronic Manufacturing Services Industry (EMSI) and Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) employment projections substantiating the growing, high-wage employment opportunities in sustainable building construction, smart manufacturing, automotive technology, HVAC, metal fabrication and specialized trades; and

WHEREAS, a modernized industrial skills facility is the most promising means to address these present and future needs; and

WHEREAS, supporting the request of Indian River State College will result in a strong return on investment of public funds, offering new opportunities for citizens to gain quick, affordable training in fields with extensive openings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Fort Pierce fully supports the \$14.8 capital outlay request of Indian River State College for the Treasure Coast Advanced Manufacturing Center and its far-reaching implications for economic and workforce development.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the St. Lucie County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 16th day of October, 2017.

LINDA HUDSON, MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

LINDA W. COX, CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

JAMES MESSER, CITY ATTORNEY