



**WORKFORCE  
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Merced County Workforce Investment Board  
January 10, 2008 Meeting**

**Resolution on Declaring the Workforce Investment Board's Support of the  
Business-Education Alliance of Merced County (BEAM)**

**WHEREAS**, the Merced County Workforce Investment Board recognizes that quality preschool programs boost achievement in school and in later life, and leads to long-term outcomes including higher academic grades, graduation rates and income.

**WHEREAS**, this Business-Education Alliance of Merced County (BEAM) is a partnership of committed business, education, government, and community leaders who support education, workforce development and economic growth in Merced County.


**WHEREAS**, supporting quality preschool has been proven to prevent crime and be one of the best tools to ensure a strong, competitive workforce that will yield easier recruitment and retention, improved job performance, lower employee turnover, and reduce employee absenteeism for businesses.

**WHEREAS**, supporting quality preschool programs are found to be among strategies proven to positively curb high school dropout rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Workforce Investment Board of Merced County on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008, hereby adopt and support the Business-Education Alliance of Merced County (BEAM) initiative to promote quality preschool access to Merced County residents.

**CERTIFICATION**, I, Robert Harmon, Chair of the Merced County Workforce Investment Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly called, noticed, convened and held this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of 19 members, and opposed by zero members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2008.

  
Robert Harmon  
Chair

*"Merced County's Workforce Investment system will keep pace with the new growth, the emerging economy, and the ever changing needs of the employers by creating a better educated, highly skilled workforce, that's capable, and prepared, and thoroughly knowledgeable."*