

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Russell and Tazewell in Virginia that make up the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission (PDC) are experiencing dramatic job losses in the coal mining industry; and

Whereas, those counties and the PDC have been working for decades to create a more diverse local economy through infrastructure development and improvements in the district's quality of life; and

Whereas, recent declines in federal and state funding for public improvements have curtailed these economic diversification efforts;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission Board of Directors strongly supports full funding for the proposed POWER Plus program included in the current Administration's 2016 Budget as a means to target much needed federal funding to the Cumberland Plateau Planning District and other economically distressed communities throughout Central Appalachia for needed economic diversification efforts.

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Chairman