



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

**RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS TO SUPPORT
GO VIRGINIA REGION 9 CLUSTER SCALE UP PLANNING GRANT
FOR THE 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, there is a shared desire to study and clarify the composition of the wine industry in Region 9 through a planning grant that will identify barriers to scaling up and exporting nationally and internationally, as well as develop strategies to address identified gaps;

WHEREAS, GO Virginia planning grants are conditioned upon local match to leverage state funding;

WHEREAS, the County of Albemarle, 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 wine industry.

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 planning grant to support the above-stated goals.

MOTION

I move that the EDA adopt this Resolution appropriating \$20,000.00 payable to the County of Nelson, Virginia, as a match to the GO Virginia Region 9 cluster scale up planning grant subject to the terms of this Resolution and the GO Virginia grant, if awarded, and that the EDA authorize the Authority’s Chair and Treasurer to execute all documents necessary to complete this grant.

I, Johnathan Newberry, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, 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 September 19, 2023.

Johnathan Newberry
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

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