

RESOLUTION NO. 13-19

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION OF BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY FOR A USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, For over a century, Bluffton University has and continues to be a valued higher education provider in the Bluffton Community; and

WHEREAS, Year in and year out, the university prepares students for life and vocation and Bluffton graduates typically go on to make a positive impact in communities and workplaces across Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Bluffton University's application to the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Loan Program for financing will help the university construct a new science building and fund a select number of capital improvement projects to enhance student learning at Bluffton; and

WHEREAS, The University's plan, to open a new center for science and health education also aligns with regional, state and national priorities to support education in STEM fields; and

WHEREAS, Bluffton University also has a very significant economic and quality of life impact on our community and surrounding region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF BLUFFTON,

Section 1. Bluffton Village Council states its strong support for Bluffton University's strategic direction and specifically, for the University application to the USDA loan program, acknowledging the many ways this loan can serve the University and the well-being of the surrounding community.

Section 2. That an emergency exists in the daily operation of the village whereby failure to act will be detrimental to the public health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants thereof and in order to meet the deadline requirements for the funding opportunity.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in open meetings open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Passed and adopted the 22 day of April, 2019, by the governing board of the Village of Bluffton:

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Abstain: 1

Attest: Laura Ewing
Fiscal officer

[Signature]
Mayor

Approved as to Form: [Signature]
Elliott Werth, Solicitor

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the within is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 13-19 passed by the Bluffton Village Council on the _____ of 2019 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Fiscal Officer

Date