



MAYOR AND COUNCIL

PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

1 **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE 150TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF**
2 **DELAWARE TO CONTINUE INVESTMENT AND SUPPORT OF WESLEY COLLEGE AS**
3 **INTENDED BY THE HIGHER EDUCATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

4 WHEREAS, Wesley College was founded on September 1, 1873; and

5 WHEREAS, Wesley College has been a treasured resource for The City of Dover and The State of Delaware
6 throughout its almost 150-year history; and

7 WHEREAS, Wesley College's main campus occupies fifty (50) acres of land and occupies nineteen (19)
8 buildings in the heart of the City of Dover; and

9 WHEREAS, Greater than 50% of Wesley College's student body are Delawareans; and

10 WHEREAS, Over 80% of Wesley College graduates remain in Delaware following graduation; and

11 WHEREAS, Wesley College has of over 300 employees, and is one of the largest employers in Kent
12 County; and

13 WHEREAS, Wesley College is the only institution in the state besides Delaware State University that is a
14 designated Title III eligible school: and

15 WHEREAS, Wesley College is one of the State's major healthcare providers, with one of the top Nursing
16 (Undergraduate and Graduate) programs, and the only Masters of Occupational Therapy program, in the
17 State; and,

18 WHEREAS, Wesley College contributes nearly Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00) to the local Kent
19 County Economy; and

20 WHEREAS, Wesley College exists to liberate and empower its students with the knowledge, skills, ethical
21 attitudes and capacity for critical thinking needed to achieve personal and professional goals and to
22 contribute to the local and global society; and

23 WHEREAS, the 150th General Assembly allowed Wesley College the privilege of being awarded Higher
24 Education Economic Development Investment Funds to be expended to supplement investments that
25 Delaware's institutes of higher education are making to improve job growth, job retention and economic
26 development in the State.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council respectfully request the 150th General
28 Assembly of the State of Delaware continue investment and support of Wesley College as intended by the
29 Higher Education Economic Development Fund.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council commend Wesley College on their efforts to
31 date in improving their fiscal efficiency and increased educational opportunities, as well as economic
32 growth for our region, state, and community.

33 AND FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Clerk to make
34 this resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover as a lasting symbol of appreciation and
35 gratitude to the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware for recognizing the vital importance of
36 Wesley College to the City of Dover and Kent County.

37 **ADOPTED:** *
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40 **ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN**
41 **MAYOR**

WILLIAM F. HARE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

42 Actions History
43 01/13/2020 - Scheduled for Introduction - City Council