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Board of Directors Triumph Gulf Coast P.O. Box 12007 Tallahassee, Florida 32317

RE: Tallahassee State College Proposal #339

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Wakulla Board of County Commissioners, I am pleased to offer our strong support for Tallahassee State College's proposal for funding under the Triumph Gulf Coast Grant. This initiative will play a crucial role in strengthening Wakulla County's economy by expanding workforce training opportunities, attracting new businesses, and supporting the growth of existing ones.

One of the greatest challenges facing our community is ensuring that residents have access to high-quality education and workforce training that leads to stable, high-wage careers. Too often, individuals seeking specialized training or higher-paying job opportunities must leave Wakulla County, taking their talent and economic potential elsewhere. By expanding educational pathways in high-demand fields such as healthcare and education, this initiative will provide local residents with the opportunity to gain valuable skills and credentials without having to leave the community they call home.

Furthermore, a well-trained workforce is one of the most important factors in attracting new businesses and strengthening our local economy. Employers look for regions where they can find skilled workers ready to meet industry demands. This investment in education and workforce development will help position Wakulla County as a prime location for business expansion while also ensuring that our current employers have access to a pipeline of qualified talent.

The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners fully supports this initiative and appreciates Tallahassee State College's commitment to empowering our residents with the education and training they need to succeed. We look forward to the positive economic and social impact this program will bring to our county and the surrounding region.

If there are any questions, please contact us at 850.926.0919.

Respectfully,

Signed by:

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Chair