WHEREAS, construction is a broad and diverse industry that does not rely on one particular academic discipline for the development of technical and managerial leadership; and

WHEREAS, construction education and research is a broad and multi-faceted subject that requires interaction between academic disciplines to develop and deliver world-class education, research, and outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, faculty in the Department of Building Construction and the Vecellio Construction Engineering and Management Program wish to combine their respective program strengths and partner across traditional boundaries to include all involved academic disciplines; and

WHEREAS, faculty, with support from their respective departments and colleges, have proposed the establishment of a School of Construction at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, the proposed School will ensure that the content and quality of undergraduate educational experiences at Virginia Tech prepares our students to develop fulfilling, productive careers in the Construction industry; and

WHEREAS, the proposed School will increase the quality of graduate programs and the number of students completing graduate degrees in Construction with a research component; and

WHEREAS, the proposed School will enhance the stature of Virginia Tech as an internationally recognized university for research and scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the proposed School will provide a unified identity within Virginia Tech, to the academic community and to the construction industry and be the only School of its kind in the nation;

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the proposal for the establishment of a School of Construction at Virginia Tech be approved and the proposal forwarded to the President, the Board of Visitors and SCHEV for approval.