

RESOLUTION E02-10

Shawnee State University's Board of Trustees' Support of State Issue I

WHEREAS, the Third Frontier initiative was created to preserve and create jobs, enhance educational opportunities, and improve the quality of life and general well-being for people and businesses throughout Ohio by expanding Ohio's research capabilities to promote product innovation, development and commercialization; and

WHEREAS, the Third Frontier program has laid the foundation for the creation and growth of technology-based jobs and businesses, increased early state capital investments, improved the environment for technology entrepreneurs, increased collaboration in research and development, and enhanced our economic competitiveness and diversity; and

WHEREAS, more is expected of this program in the next few years as the research translates into market solutions, companies and lasting jobs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio's Third Frontier initiative has delivered measurable results by investing \$681 million since 2002, which has yielded \$6.6 billion in economic activity, \$2.4 billion in wages and benefits, and more than 48,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan state legislature has endorsed the role of the Third Frontier Program as a tool for Ohio's economic growth and placed this constitutional amendment on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the State Universities of Ohio have identified the success of State Issue I as insuring efforts to build institutional research capacities in concern with statewide economic growth and development activities; and

WHEREAS, Shawnee State has received funding through the Third Frontier for its works in nanotechnology which is a cornerstone program in the University's planned Center of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, future Third Frontier funding made possible by the passage of State Issue I will make additional funds available to SSU through its Center of Excellence, thus impacting the quality of life and economic development of southern Ohio;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees endorses the passage of State Resolution 1, encourages Ohio citizens to become informed about this important measure for the future of Ohio, and extends its thanks to the Ohio General Assembly for its leadership in addressing Ohio's future.

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