

RESOLUTION No. 2016-03

SUPPORTING *F3 (Farm-Fish-Food) TECH*):
An Industry Focus and Regional Strategy
For Economic Development on Maryland's Eastern Shore

WHEREAS, there are regular Federal Funding Opportunities available to economic development entities throughout the region and which provide competitive grant programs designed to encourage local private, public and non-profit partners to create vibrant regional economies.

WHEREAS, a regional economic development strategy has been drafted by Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center (ESEC) designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap for innovation and technology which can strengthen the regional economy of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

WHEREAS, *F3 Tech: An Industry Focus and Regional Strategy for Economic Development on Maryland's Eastern Shore* is the culmination of a collaborative discussion process for the eight- county area (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester) resulting in a Memorandum of Understanding.

WHEREAS, "*F3 Tech*" creates an economic roadmap for unified actions in the region leading to new and retained jobs, new and expanded businesses, new intellectual property, export opportunities, investment, and overall economic growth and prosperity, all of which have a focus on all resource-based industries and the environment. These actions will both strengthen the regional economy and improve the likelihood of grant funding in support of targeted initiatives and programs. The roadmap will also help guide the coordinated efforts by local communities across the eight counties in a manner that will positively impact the Eastern Shore region as a whole.

WHEREAS; "*F3 Tech*" strives to have Maryland's Eastern Shore become nationally recognized for encouraging and nurturing new innovations and technologies that help achieve (1) food security, (2) improved nutrition, and (3) sustainable agriculture which have worldwide impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by this Resolution, We, the County Commissioners of Kent County, at the request of Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center to endorse the "*F3 Tech*" – *An Industry Focus and Regional Strategy for Economic Development on Maryland's Eastern Shore* is approved and available for public viewing at www.f3tech.org.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution of Adoption will be added to the final document of the Strategy's Memorandum of Understanding.

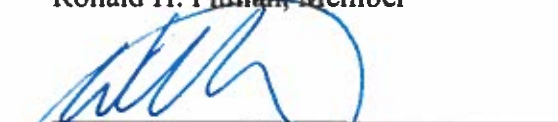
ATTEST:


Sondra M. Blackiston, Clerk

**THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND**


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Adopted: May 17, 2016