

## **Resolution 15-29**

### **Adopting Apprenticeship Training Programs Policy for Program Year 2016 (effective May 1, 2016)**

**Whereas**, in support of career pathways, the local workforce investment area has the ability to provide support service payments to individuals participating in WIOA-funded apprenticeship activities above and beyond the cost of tuition and education-related expenses.

**Whereas**, the support service payments can be authorized to offset costs related to classroom attendance, and include costs of books, tools, supplies, and laptop computer. Or, support service payments can also be authorized for On-the-Job Training costs associated with the apprenticeship. The maximum amount of support service payment would be \$5,000 per program year. Additional supportive service amounts can be considered for the same individual for future program years, based upon a resulting increase in hourly wage.

**Whereas**, the local workforce desires to provide these support service costs to participants since the inception of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and wishes to provide some level of support service payments to WIOA-funded apprenticeship participants.

**Whereas**, the local workforce development area is looking to set the level of funding available for support service payments to participants, while maintaining the funding level of \$5,000 (maximum) for payment of tuition and education-related expenses.

**Whereas**, WIOA program allocations, and increased customer demand for program funding, require the current support service payment structure be made effective May 1, 2016 to ensure that program enrollments will be maximized, and that funding will be available for appropriate support service payments for the Program Year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, and subsequent program years thereafter.

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Development Board (WDB) does hereby approve the local area's support service payment schedule to be effective May 1, 2016.