

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HARPER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Harper County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-50,222.

Section 3. Harper County Commissioners hereby obligate Harper County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Harper County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years, if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Harper County intends to enter into partnerships with Employers for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Harper County and the State of Kansas shall be \$15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. Harper County shall allocate \$0 for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Harper County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis and shall inform the State of Kansas of any changes to the annual allocation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 29th day of August 2016 by the Board of Harper County Commissioners, Harper County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
OF HARPER COUNTY, KANSAS

Carla Pence, Chairman

Lee Adams, Commissioner

Attest (Seal)

Ruth Elliott, County Clerk

Brian Waldschmidt, Commissioner