MAYOR AND COUNCIL

PROPOSED COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

WHEREAS, Wesley College was founded on September 1, 1873; and

WHEREAS, Wesley College has been a treasured resource for The City of Dover and The State of Delaware throughout its almost 150-year history; and

WHEREAS, Wesley College's main campus occupies fifty (50) acres of land and occupies nineteen (19) buildings in the heart of the City of Dover; and

WHEREAS, Greater than 50% of Wesley College's student body are Delawareans; and

WHEREAS, Over 80% of Wesley College graduates remain in Delaware following graduation; and

WHEREAS, Wesley College has of over 300 employees, and is one of the largest employers in Kent County; and

WHEREAS, Wesley College is the only institution in the state besides Delaware State University that is a designated Title III eligible school; and

WHEREAS, Wesley College is one of the State's major healthcare providers, with one of the top Nursing (Undergraduate and Graduate) programs, and the only Masters of Occupational Therapy program, in the State; and,

WHEREAS, Wesley College contributes nearly Eighty Million Dollars ($80,000,000.00) to the local Kent County Economy; and

WHEREAS, Wesley College exists to liberate and empower its students with the knowledge, skills, ethical attitudes and capacity for critical thinking needed to achieve personal and professional goals and to contribute to the local and global society; and

WHEREAS, the 150th General Assembly allowed Wesley College the privilege of being awarded Higher Education Economic Development Investment Funds to be expended to supplement investments that Delaware's institutes of higher education are making to improve job growth, job retention and economic development in the State.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council respectfully request the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware continue investment and support of Wesley College as intended by the Higher Education Economic Development Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council commend Wesley College on their efforts to date in improving their fiscal efficiency and increased educational opportunities, as well as economic growth for our region, state, and community.

AND FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council direct the City Clerk to make this resolution a part of the permanent records of the City of Dover as a lasting symbol of appreciation and gratitude to the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware for recognizing the vital importance of Wesley College to the City of Dover and Kent County.

ADOPTED: *

ROBIN R. CHRISTIANSEN
MAYOR

WILLIAM F. HARE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Actions History
01/13/2020 - Scheduled for Introduction - City Council