



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Digital Literacy is defined as using digital technology, communications tools and/or networks to access, manage, integrate, evaluate, create and communicate information in order to function in a knowledge society;

WHEREAS, students and workers must be ready for jobs in the 21st century, as ICT digital literacy skills will continue to be critical to our ability to compete in a global information and knowledge economy;

WHEREAS, just as basic skills in reading, writing, and math are essential to succeeding in the workplace and in life, digital literacy skills must also be included among these necessary skills to successfully compete for jobs and achieve self-sufficiency;

WHEREAS, according to NOVA's report, *Silicon Valley in Transition*, the ICT cluster is entering a new period of growth and opportunity presenting challenges for Silicon Valley to remain competitive and for the local workforce boards to ensure workers have the necessary skills to meet employer demands;

WHEREAS, a State ICT digital literacy policy will ensure that California maintains global leadership in ICT innovation and workforce competitiveness;

WHEREAS, the State of California should bring digital literacy strategies to government, education, health care, business and other areas in order to enhance opportunities for students, workers, companies, government entities and the community to be world leaders in technological innovation;

WHEREAS, a digital literacy policy and framework would support a continuum of digital literacy skills along career ladders, benchmarking and metrics that are consistent with globally accepted standards, and would ensure accountability for evaluating success; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the NOVA Workforce Board is committed to ensuring that Silicon Valley workers have the necessary ICT digital literacy skills to successfully compete for jobs in a technology-driven economy and that employers have the talent to succeed globally;

RESOLVED: That the NOVA Workforce Board will promote: (1) access to information and communication technologies by workers regardless of income or advantage; (2) opportunities for students and workers to acquire ICT digital literacy skills in order to benefit academically and economically; and (3) the development of training programs that incorporate ICT digital literacy training as part of training providers' portfolios of services.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the NOVA Workforce Board on September 26, 2012.

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Van Dang
Co-Chair
NOVA Workforce Board

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