AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE FORMATION OF A JOINT ENTITY TO BE CALLED THE "NEW RIVER / MOUNT ROGERS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AREA CONSORTIUM," TO BE COMPRISED OF THE COUNTIES OF BLAND, CARROLL, FLOYD, GILES, GRAYSON, MONTGOMERY, PULASKI, SMYTH, WASHINGTON, AND WYTHE AND THE CITIES OF BRISTOL, GALAX, AND RADFORD, VIRGINIA, AND TO BESTOW ON SUCH ENTITY ALL POWERS NECESSARY AND PROPER FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES UNDER THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AND TO REPEAL ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES CREATING AN ENTITY FOR SUCH PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, codified at 29 U.S.C. S 2801 *et seq.* (hereinafter the "Act"), provides federal funding to states for the delivery of workforce training and other services; and

WHEREAS, 29 U.S.C. §2831 requires that the governor designate local workforce investment areas to deliver workforce investment services within the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has designated the Counties of Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery, Pulaski, Smyth, Washington, and Wythe and the Cities of Bristol, Galax, and Radford, Virginia (the "Member Jurisdictions") as the Area II Workforce Investment Act Area; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2000 the Member Jurisdictions entered into an agreement to administer jointly the Workforce Investment Act programs called the "Charter Chief Local Elected Officials Agreement" for the New River/Mount Rogers regional planning areas (the "Charter Agreement") and have operated continuously under this Charter Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Member Jurisdictions wish to continue to perform jointly the responsibilities prescribed for them under the Act; and

WHEREAS, Va. Code §15.2-1300 provides that local governments may enter into agreements for the joint or cooperative exercise of any power, privilege, or authority which each is capable of exercising individually; and

WHEREAS, the Member Jurisdictions desire to form a joint entity under Va. Code § 15.2-1300 to be designated as the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area Consortium (the "Consortium") and to be recognized as Virginia's area II Local Workforce Investment Area which will perform the duties incumbent on them individually under the Workforce Investment Act; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a joint entity will permit the delivery and oversight of Workforce services in a manner that will ensure accountability to governing bodies of the Member Jurisdictions,

NOW, THEREFORE, ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Washington, Virginia, hereby ordains the following:

1. Rescission of the Charter Agreement and any other ordinance creating a local joint entity for the purpose of operating federally funded workforce training programs;

2. Adoption of the Consortium Agreement (the "Agreement") which is attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance; and

3. Authorization of its Chairperson to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City Council.

This ordinance shall be effective immediately.