



April 10, 2025

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 12007
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

RE: Support for Florida's Great Northwest Grant Application – FG NW: United FORWARD

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors,

I am writing on behalf of the University of West Florida to express our strong support for Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) and their request for funding submitted on March 14, 2025. Their application outlines the creation of **FGNW: United FORWARD**, a comprehensive two-pronged approach to accelerate Northwest Florida's economic transformation. This initiative strategically advances our region through **Economic Development Strategy (Part 1)** and **Market Activation (Part 2)**, creating a powerful framework to drive diversification and economic growth across Northwest Florida.

If awarded, this strategic investment launches the most extensive, strategically focused marketing campaign in Northwest Florida's history, driving diversification and unprecedented economic growth for the region. We believe this initiative will create hundreds of high-wage jobs in diversified industry sectors, raise household incomes above the current average, secure millions in capital investment, and strengthen the local tax base for infrastructure and services.

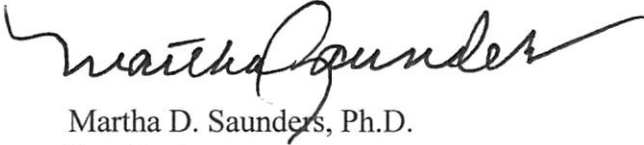
We fully endorse their Triumph Gulf Coast application for \$10,552,000 and will continue to support FG NW in this journey through thought leadership and financial support through our annual investor contributions. This robust application features the 'next generation' of our regional strategy for economic transformation and the creation of a research-validated marketing initiative.

As community stakeholders and a company dedicated to regional economic development, we believe that **FGNW: United FORWARD** will significantly transform our region. This initiative will support growth in our targeted industry sectors by creating high-quality jobs and attracting new investments. We are committed to ensuring that Northwest Florida thrives in a competitive

global marketplace. This funding is essential for maintaining the positive momentum in Northwest Florida.

Therefore, we respectfully request your support for **FGNW: United FORWARD** and the investment in this new comprehensive initiative. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in the future of Northwest Florida.

Sincerely yours,

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Martha D. Saunders, Ph.D.
President



April 4, 2025

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 12007
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors,

I write to express strong support for Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) and its funding request for FGNW: United FORWARD. This much-needed initiative has the potential to transform northwest Florida. FGNW's comprehensive, two-pronged approach aims to create high-wage jobs in diversified industry sectors, raise household incomes, secure millions in capital investment and strengthen the local tax base in one of the most economically disadvantaged regions of Florida.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is committed to supporting projects that align with our mission of improving the lives of the people and communities we serve. Through our energy delivery operations in the region, we recognize the need to accelerate economic development in northwest Florida and we are proud to support organizations like FGNW that share our commitment to improving lives by expanding economic opportunity.

FGNW's strategic investment would launch the most extensive, strategically focused marketing campaign in northwest Florida's history, driving diversification and unprecedented economic growth for the region. If implemented, the FGNW: United FORWARD campaign would strengthen Chesapeake Utilities' ability to continue investing in critical energy delivery infrastructure, further enhancing the attractiveness of northwest Florida for businesses seeking to relocate.

As such, we respectfully request your support for FGNW: United FORWARD. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in the future of northwest Florida.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Householder
Chair of the Board, President and CEO
Chesapeake Utilities Corporation



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April 9, 2025

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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Tallahassee, Florida 32317

RE: Support for Florida's Great Northwest Grant Application – FGNW: United FORWARD

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors,

I am writing on behalf of PenAir Credit Union to express our strong support for Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) and their request for funding submitted on March 14, 2025. Their application outlines the creation of **FGNW: United FORWARD**, a comprehensive two-pronged approach to accelerate Northwest Florida's economic transformation. This initiative strategically advances our region through **Economic Development Strategy (Part 1)** and **Market Activation (Part 2)**, creating a powerful framework to drive diversification and economic growth across Northwest Florida.

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We fully endorse their Triumph Gulf Coast application for \$10,552,000 and will continue to support FGNW in this journey through thought leadership and financial support through our annual investor contributions. This robust application features the 'next generation' of our regional strategy for economic transformation and the creation of a research-validated marketing initiative.

As community stakeholders and a company dedicated to regional economic development, we believe that **FGNW: United FORWARD** will significantly transform our region. This initiative will support growth in our targeted industry sectors by creating high-quality jobs and attracting new investments. We are committed to ensuring that Northwest Florida thrives in a competitive global marketplace. This funding is essential for maintaining the positive momentum in Northwest Florida.

Therefore, we respectfully request your support for **FGNW: United FORWARD** and the investment in this new comprehensive initiative. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in the future of Northwest Florida.

Sincerely,

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Chris Funk
SVP, Chief Lending Officer



4/14/2025

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 12007
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

RE: Support for Florida's Great Northwest Grant Application – FGNW: United FORWARD

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors,

I am writing on behalf of Community Bank to express our strong support for Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) and their request for funding submitted on March 14, 2025. Their application outlines the creation of **FGNW: United FORWARD**, a comprehensive two-pronged approach to accelerate Northwest Florida's economic transformation. This initiative strategically advances our region through **Economic Development Strategy (Part 1)** and **Market Activation (Part 2)**, creating a powerful framework to drive diversification and economic growth across Northwest Florida.

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Therefore, we respectfully request your support for **FGNW: United FORWARD** and the investment in this new comprehensive initiative. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in the future of Northwest Florida.

Sincerely,

Jason Crowe
President
Florida Coast Division



April 11, 2025

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 12007
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

RE: Support for Florida's Great Northwest Grant Application – FGNW: United FORWARD

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors,

I am writing on behalf of the Wakulla Economic Development Council to express our strong support for Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) and their request for funding submitted on March 14, 2025. Their application outlines the creation of **FGNW: United FORWARD**, a comprehensive two-pronged approach to accelerate Northwest Florida's economic transformation. This initiative strategically advances our region through **Economic Development Strategy (Part 1)** and **Market Activation (Part 2)**, creating a powerful framework to drive diversification and economic growth across Northwest Florida.

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Therefore, we respectfully request your support for **FGNW: United FORWARD** and the investment in this new comprehensive initiative. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in the future of Northwest Florida.

Sincerely,

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John Shuff, President
Wakulla County Economic Development Council



April 1, 2025

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
P.O. Box 12007
Tallahassee, Florida 32317

RE: Support for Florida's Great Northwest Grant Application – FGNW: United FORWARD

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors,

One Okaloosa EDC wishes to express our enthusiastic support for Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) and their request for funding submitted on March 14, 2025. The FGNW application outlines the creation of *FGNW: United FORWARD*, a comprehensive two-pronged approach to accelerate Northwest Florida's economic transformation. This initiative strategically advances our region through Economic Development Strategy (Part 1) and Market Activation (Part 2), creating a powerful framework to drive diversification and economic growth across Northwest Florida.

This strategic investment stands to support the most extensive, strategically focused economic development marketing campaign in Northwest Florida's history – thereby driving diversification and unprecedented economic growth for the region. In sharing the Northwest Florida story in an effective, consistent and highly-targeted manner, this initiative has the potential to create hundreds of high-wage jobs in diversified industry sectors, raise household incomes above the current average, secure millions in capital investment, and strengthen the local tax base for infrastructure and services.

We fully endorse FGNW's Triumph Gulf Coast application for \$10,552,000 and will continue to support our valued regional economic development partner through shared messaging, collaborative outreach and financial support in the form of One Okaloosa's annual investor dues. Ultimately, this robust application features the 'next generation' of our regional strategy for economic transformation and the creation of a data-driven marketing initiative.

We respectfully request your support for *FGNW: United FORWARD* and the strategic investment in this comprehensive initiative. Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in the future of Northwest Florida.

Sincerely,

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Neko Stubblefield
FY 2025 Chair

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Nathan Sparks , CEcD
Executive Director



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April 7th, 2025

Florida Triumph Gulf Coast, Inc.
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RE: Support for Florida's Great Northwest Grant Application – FGNW: United FORWARD

Dear Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors,

I am writing on behalf of Trustmark National Bank to express our strong support for Florida's Great Northwest (FGNW) and their request for funding submitted on March 14, 2025. Their application outlines the creation of **FGNW: United FORWARD**, a comprehensive two-pronged approach to accelerate Northwest Florida's economic transformation. This initiative strategically advances our region through **Economic Development Strategy (Part 1)** and **Market Activation (Part 2)**, creating a powerful framework to drive diversification and economic growth across Northwest Florida.

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Sincerely, 
John Sumrall

Regional Commercial Banking Director – Gulf Coast

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Advice that works.