# RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF INCLUSION IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS DECEMBER 7-11, 2026

**WHEREAS,** Inclusive Schools Week is celebrated December 7-11, 2026, to recognize the progress that schools have made in providing a supportive and quality education to students with special needs; and

**WHEREAS,** the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) granted access to children with disabilities to a free and quality public education; and

**WHEREAS,** the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) is committed to ensuring all children with disabilities are provided with opportunities to be educated alongside their general education peers in the least restrictive environment; and

**WHEREAS,** it is with unity and dedication that resources and initiatives are in place, support is emphasized, and programs exist to bridge gaps in learning, while consistently providing fairness for all children with disabilities through a lens of inclusiveness; and

**WHEREAS,** it is with tireless effort and dedication that the educators in Alabama are ensuring that children with disabilities live, learn, work, and participate in their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** the theme for 2026, “Together We Learn,” emphasizes that every classroom is strengthened when students of all abilities learn, participate, and grow side-by-side; and

**WHEREAS,** embracing this concept is not a solitary pledge, the ALSDE and the Alabama State Board of Education invite all stakeholders in Alabama to celebrate their commitment to children with disabilities and remain steadfast in providing opportunities to Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to all school staff who foster an environment of respect and inclusion focused on high-quality learning; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages Alabama schools to participate in promoting inclusion; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate December 7-11, 2026, as a week to celebrate inclusion for children with special needs in Alabama public schools.

Done this 12th day of November 2026