

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JOVANKA WARD  
RAMSAY HIGH SCHOOL  
BIRMINGHAM CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM  
2025-2026 ALABAMA HEALTH EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, JoVanka Ward, a health education teacher at Ramsay High School in the Birmingham City School System, received the 2025-2026 Health Educator of the Year Award from the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance; and

**WHEREAS**, JoVanka Ward received her Bachelor of Science degree from Hampton University, instructed seven years in the Homewood City School System, moved to Alabaster City School System for three years, and is now in the Birmingham City School System, where she has been teaching health and physical education for seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance presents the Health Educator of the Year Award to honor outstanding teaching of health education at the K-12 or higher education level; and

**WHEREAS**, JoVanka Ward was selected for this honor based on her outstanding teaching abilities to conduct a developmentally appropriate health education program utilizing state standards for health education, various teaching methodologies, and innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students; and

**WHEREAS**, JoVanka Ward's passion for the importance of health and physical education is the foundation for her success as a teacher and a community advocate:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate JoVanka Ward upon the honor of being selected as the 2025-2026 Alabama Health Educator of the Year.

Done this 9th day of April 2026