## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2020 AS "PRINCIPALS MONTH" IN ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of Elementary School Administrators, the Alabama Association of Middle School Principals, and the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals have declared the month of October 2020 as "National Principals Month" in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals are working with the U.S. Congress to designate "National Principals Month" and resolutions thereof; and

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and

WHEREAS, principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, principals work tirelessly in communities across Alabama to maintain academic accountability, to ensure a safe and productive learning environment, and to encourage and facilitate teachers and parents' efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of our young people; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of "National Principals Month," the state of Alabama honors elementary, middle level, and high school principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alabama recognizes outstanding elementary, middle level, and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession; and

WHEREAS, to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals, at all grade levels, to the success of students in Alabama's elementary, middle, and high schools and to encourage residents of Alabama to observe "Principals Month" with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby proclaim October 2020 as "Principals Month" in the state of Alabama.

Done this 8th day of October 2020