

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 11-15, 2021  
AS “SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has recognized for nearly 50 years, the School Lunch Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama’s children by making nutritious meals available in Grades K-12 public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, every October, the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate the National School Lunch Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Week 2021 (#NSLW21) theme is “Wild about School Lunch,” which spotlights the wide variety of flavors, dishes, delivery options, and tastes that can be customized in today’s school lunch; and

**WHEREAS**, research has indicated that students who eat lunch have better attention and memory, and the quality of foods children eat impacts cognition, and poor nutrition is linked with absenteeism, health problems, hunger symptoms, and psychosocial problems; and

**WHEREAS**, scientifically based food and nutrition information contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students

**WHEREAS**, the School Lunch Program continued to serve lunch meals during school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to school nutrition professionals who make the local School Lunch Program work in 1,475 school sites statewide; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate October 11-15, 2021, as “School Lunch Week” in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 14th day of October 2021