HONORING TROY UNIVERSITY
AS STATE NOMINEE FOR THE 2019
ALABAMA GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes the importance of saving energy, reducing costs, creating environmentally sustainable learning spaces, protecting health, and fostering wellness for Alabama students and educators; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education recognizes those schools in the nation that are striving to achieve an energy-efficient and healthy school environment with the Green Ribbon School Award; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is awarded the Alabama Green Ribbon School Award by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for its innovation to improving its environmental impact and energy efficiency and environmental and sustainability education; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is committed to environmental stewardship and sustainability with these commitments being demonstrated by a focus on reducing environmental impacts through facility management, land use and restoration, waste reduction, energy conservation, and alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is committed to the health and well-being of students, faculty, and staff through extensive health and wellness initiatives and an integrated approach to environmental health through effective facilities management. This commitment is demonstrated through expansive wellness offerings for students, faculty, and staff to include health services, student peer education and campus infrastructure, such as sport and recreation facilities, nature trails, conservation areas and outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, Troy University is committed to environmental and sustainability education through curricular and co-curricular offerings that allow students to explore STEM careers and build their civic skills to include classes, applied research, public service, civic engagement, and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Troy University offers numerous outreach and public service programs that broaden its community and regional impact as a leader in environmental stewardship and campus sustainability. These accomplishments are made possible through the commitment of the faculty, staff, and administration to public service and the formulation of innovative partnerships with external stakeholders that allow the university to widen its approach in reducing environmental impacts, waste reduction, wellness, and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, Troy University recently received a $3.2 million-dollar grant from the National Institute of Standards and Technology that will be used to establish the Center for Materials and Manufacturing Sciences at the university where research will focus on polymers, polymers recycling, as well as preparation of the next generation of workforce for the industry:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend Troy University for its commitment to environmental awareness and education and does hereby express its congratulations to the students and educators.

Done this 9th day of May 2019