

## **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF NOVEMBER 2021 AS “SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the school library as a vital and enriching segment of children’s well-rounded education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama School Library Association has designated November as Alabama School Library Month; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading, viewing, and listening; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries promote diversity and inclusion by curating a collection of books in which all students can see themselves and by providing a safe haven for students to explore their interests without judgment; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide resources and learning activities designed to enhance reading motivation and establish the information literacy skills necessary for lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide access to a wide variety of print and digital educational materials and the technology needed to utilize these resources; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries promote competencies in new and developing technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries support the classroom curriculum and are integral to a quality educational program; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabama recognizes the importance of qualified, certified school librarians by allocating a librarian for every school with 250 or more students:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That school libraries are an essential component of a well-rounded K-12 public education in Alabama; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to school librarians, classroom teachers, and administrators for their efforts to support library media programs in Alabama public schools; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate November 2021 as School Library Month in Alabama public schools.

Done this 10th day of November 2021