RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REVIEW OF AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM University of Montevallo

WHEREAS, *Alabama Administrative Code*, Rule No. 290-3-3-.59(4)(b)2, requires that approval by the Alabama State Board of Education shall be secured before a proposal for a new program is reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education has received from the President at the University of Montevallo a written request to develop a Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6) program and a Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12) program; and

WHEREAS, the request lists the specific proposed programs for which the Alabama State Board of Education approval is being sought, together with information concerning the factors to be considered in determining the need for the program; and

WHEREAS, current University of Montevallo students have expressed an interest in a Class A program in Special Education; and

WHEREAS, the University of Montevallo personnel wish to provide more teachers to help address the acute shortage of certified applicants; and

WHEREAS, the University of Montevallo personnel have been advised that the proposed program may not be implemented prior to Alabama State Board of Education approval, based on documentation of compliance with all applicable standards; and

WHEREAS, the State Superintendent of Education recommends that the programs be reviewed by the Office of Teaching and Leading of the Alabama State Department of Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby authorizes a review of the following programs:

Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6) Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12)

Done this 12th day of May 2022

University of Montevallo Authorize Review of Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6) and Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12) May 12, 2022

University of Montevallo is seeking to develop a Class A Collaborative Special Education (K-6) program and a Class A Collaborative Special Education (6-12) program. The intent is to increase the pool of Collaborative Special Education teachers who are well prepared to teach in Alabama's schools.