## RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JANUARY 2023 AS "GIFTED EDUCATION MONTH" IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize and support the special needs of students in gifted education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama Association for Gifted Children has designated January as "Gifted Education Month"; and

**WHEREAS,** gifted children can be found in all ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural groups and provide our state with a vast resource for potential leadership and innovation in all areas of society; and

**WHEREAS,** gifted students have special needs in the following areas: intellectual, academic and creativity; and

**WHEREAS,** providing rigor, challenge, and acceleration in the classroom for Alabama's gifted students is vital to ensuring their intellectual, social-emotional, and academic development for college and career readiness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That gifted programs are an essential component of K-12 public education in Alabama; and

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby designate January 2023 as "Gifted Education Month", declares this year's theme as Soaring to New Heights in Gifted, in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 12th day of January 2023