

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF APRIL 2023 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 April as Alabama School Library Month; and

WHEREAS, school libraries promote literacy and the enjoyment of reading, viewing, and listening; 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 April 2023 as School Library Month in Alabama public schools.

Done this 13th day of April 2023