

**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF NEWTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
DALE COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM,
NATIONAL *ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT* (ESEA)
DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program is a project of the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators and provides an opportunity for Title I schools from every state to be recognized for their positive educational advances and the outstanding academic achievement of their students; and

WHEREAS, schools nominated for the National ESEA Distinguished Schools Program demonstrate high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years, meet or exceed state standards for making adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two or more consecutive years, and demonstrate a poverty rate of sixty percent or higher for the nominated year; and

WHEREAS, through the state selection process, Newton Elementary School in the Dale County School System was selected for Category 2 of the Distinguished Schools Program that is awarded for closing the achievement gap between student groups; and

WHEREAS, Newton Elementary School received recognition as a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, Newton Elementary School Principal, Mr. James E. Andrews, represented Alabama at the National ESEA Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, in February 2023:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend and congratulate Newton Elementary School upon the honor of being selected to receive recognition as a National ESEA Distinguished School.

Done this 11th day of May 2023