

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING MRS. SERENA OWSLEY
ATHENS CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
RECIPIENT OF THE 2023 ROBERT L. MORTON AWARD**

WHEREAS, the Alabama Association of School Business Officials (AASBO) has established an annual award recognizing Chief School Financial Officers bearing the name Robert L. Morton Award in honor of the man who served as Assistant State Superintendent of the Alabama State Department of Education's Division of Administrative and Financial Services; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Morton dedicated his life to distinguished service to America, the state of Alabama, and its children through serving in pivotal roles in the field of education including teacher, coach, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent; and

WHEREAS, AASBO seeks to recognize, through this award, the dedication that individuals bring to their communities, their profession, and their school system in everyday life by identifying school business officials devoted to going above and beyond, both in their positions and in serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Serena Owsley has shown leadership, commitment, and dedication to her job and community during her 26 years of service in public education. Mrs. Owsley presently serves as the Chief School Financial Officer/Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Finance for the Athens City School System; and

WHEREAS, her achievements made within her school system; her service provided to her peers, subordinates, and community; and her stellar reputation with those who recommended her are noted; and

WHEREAS, AASBO considers Serena Owsley worthy of recognition and acknowledgement for her honesty, integrity, work ethic, and consummate professionalism; and

WHEREAS, AASBO wishes to bestow upon Serena Owsley the Robert L. Morton Award as this organization celebrates the best their profession of school business management has to offer; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education acknowledges the honor of receiving such a distinguished award and joins AASBO in applauding Serena Owsley for such an accomplishment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to Serena Owsley for her dedicated and distinguished work in public service and with the Athens City School System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby congratulate Serena Owsley upon being named the recipient of the sixteenth annual Robert L. Morton Award and wishes her continued success.

Done this 14th day of September 2023