

## **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF JANUARY 2024 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 creative; and

**WHEREAS**, providing rigor, challenge, and acceleration in the classroom for Alabama’s gifted students is vital to ensuring their intellectual, affective, and academic development for college and career readiness:

**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, counselors, administrators, and superintendents 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 2024 as “Gifted Education Month” in the public schools of Alabama.

Done this 11th day of January 2024