

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF MARCH 4-8, 2024, AS “NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education has recognized since 1975, the National School Breakfast Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Alabama’s children by making nutritious meals available in Grades K-12 public schools; and

WHEREAS, every March, the School Nutrition Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture join together to celebrate the National School Breakfast Week; and

WHEREAS, the National School Breakfast Week 2024 (#NSBW24) theme is “Surf’s Up With School Breakfast,” which spotlights the wide variety of flavors, dishes, delivery options, and tastes that can be customized in today’s school breakfast; and

WHEREAS, research has indicated that students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory, and the quality of foods children eat impacts cognition, and poor nutrition is linked with absenteeism, health problems, hunger symptoms, and psychosocial problems; and

WHEREAS, scientifically based food and nutrition information contributes powerful education benefits to all elementary and secondary students; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama School Breakfast Program served over 43,855,787 million breakfast meals for the school year 2022-2023 to Alabama students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to the Alabama school nutrition professionals who make the local School Breakfast Program work in 1,272 school sites statewide; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education designate March 4-8, 2024, as “National School Breakfast Week” in the public schools of Alabama and encourages local schools to participate in promoting National School Breakfast Week.

Done this 14th day of March 2024