

**RESOLUTION HONORING
THE HELEN KELLER SCHOOL OF ALABAMA
2025 ALABAMA GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD NOMINEE**

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education recognizes the importance of saving energy, reducing costs, creating environmentally sustainable learning spaces, and fostering wellness for all students and educators; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education has recognized schools nationwide that have achieved energy-efficient and healthy school environments; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Keller School of Alabama is awarded the Alabama Green Ribbon School Award by the Alabama State Department of Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for its commitment to improving its environmental impact, energy efficiency, and overall environmental education efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Keller School of Alabama has outstanding programs and services designed to increase its positive impact on the environment through a reduction of its water and energy consumption; and

WHEREAS, in its cafeteria area alone, the Helen Keller School of Alabama has already cut energy costs and saved the school nearly \$1,500 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Keller School of Alabama provides an innovative shredding and recycling program in partnership with local organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Keller School of Alabama offers a truly hands-on learning experience for all students where they can plant and cultivate crops to share with their local community; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Keller School of Alabama is also actively involved in composting and collects organic materials from its school and cafeteria areas to use in fertilizing all garden beds throughout the school campus:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the Helen Keller School of Alabama for its commitment to environmental education and does hereby express its sincere congratulations.

Done this 8th day of May 2025