

## **RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S VISUAL ARTS EXHIBIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education and the Alabama State Department of Education recognize that the visual arts are a vital, enriching, and core segment of children's education; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit provides an opportunity for K-12 students in every school system to participate; and

**WHEREAS**, the criteria set for judging are sanctioned by recognized and prestigious organizations—the National Art Education Association, the Alabama Art Education Association, the Alabama Arts Alliance, the Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, and the Alabama State Council on the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, support should be given to visual arts programs and teachers as they attempt to strengthen and strive for educational excellence and artistic literacy for students; and

**WHEREAS**, the visual arts contribute powerful educational benefits to all elementary and secondary students by enhancing metacognitive abilities and engaging students to learn; promoting curiosity, creativity, innovation, critical-thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration; provide opportunities to access, develop, express, and integrate meaning across a variety of content, other curricula experiences, and the human condition:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby commend the 2021 State Superintendent's Visual Arts Exhibit award-winning students and their teachers upon the honor of being selected as Alabama's outstanding young artists and visual arts educators.

Done this 11th day of March 2021