



# RESOLUTION

## VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH 2013

**WHEREAS**, the Education of Virginia's school-aged children is the foundation upon which the economic, social and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

**WHEREAS**, locally elected and appointed school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local board of education directly influence instruction in Virginia's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national and global 21<sup>st</sup> Century knowledge economy; and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members work with parents, businesses, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme *School Boards Speak Out for Public Schools* reflects the efforts of local school board members to advocate for public education with local, state and federal leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Appreciation Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of Virginians who champion the mission of public education and school board members; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, the Virginia School Boards Association recognizes the contributions of the state's local school boards to the academic success of its public school students and expresses its sincerest recognition to local board members for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the state; and be it finally

**RESOLVED**, the Virginian School Boards Association declares February 2013 as School Board Member Appreciation Month and encourages local school divisions and community leaders to appropriately recognize our state's dedicated school board members.

