

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING HEAD START ON  
ITS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Head Start is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year; and

**WHEREAS**, Project Head Start was launched in 1965 as an eight week summer program that has grown to a full day, year-round program today, serving children from birth to five years and has prepared 32 million children for school and life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Head Start Staff continues to make a difference for children every day, has developed a two-generation approach in providing services to children and families to fight the harmful effects of poverty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Head Start program is based on the belief that all children share certain requirements, and that children of low socio-economic families in particular can benefit from a complete child development program to meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Head Start program recognizes that children will have the best possible academic, social and health outcomes when supports are also provided to parents and surrounding family members; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall goal of the Head Start program model focuses on “Educating Children, Empowering Families and Engaging Communities” to close the academic achievement gap and the socio-economic gap among disadvantaged children and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives congratulates Head Start on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

*Approved by the 29<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.*

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Randall M. Skigen, President

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Annie M. Summerville, Clerk