

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, children are the future of Escambia County and it is important that our community actively ensures that they are provided a healthy and positive start to life; and

WHEREAS, we place the utmost value on the support, education, health and well-being, and encouragement of children in our community and recognize the value of our community's schools and early childhood education, detection, prevention, and intervention programs for children; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida has, in Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, to date, 11 Florida counties have created Children's Services Councils (CSCs) that invests in programs that produce measurable results, and enhance the well-being of their community's children by maximizing resources and ensuring accountability; and

WHEREAS, the community has taken action to formally recommend to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners that they vote to authorize a referendum be placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot for voter approval of the creation of an independent Children's Services Council to be named the Escambia Children's Trust; and

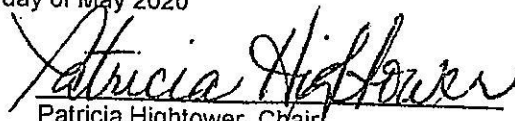
WHEREAS, Escambia County children need enhanced services; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia Children's Trust will increase efficiency of the delivery of services with accountable oversight, and invest in developmental, preventative, and supportive services to children aged zero to eighteen based on the studied needs in our community;

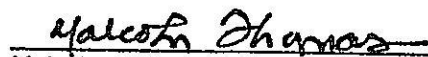
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Escambia County, Florida does hereby support the creation of the Escambia Children's Trust by voter referendum on November 3, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the regular meeting of said Board and that a copy be tendered to the Escambia Children's Trust Committee.

Adopted this 19th day of May 2020


Patricia Hightower, Chair
School Board of Escambia County

ATTEST:


Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent
School District of Escambia County