

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is an organization of more than six hundred twenty-nine thousand students studying agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization is dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of young people by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, nationally more than seventy-five percent of the FFA members enroll in a two-year or four-year program of higher education following graduation from high school in preparation for one of the more than three hundred career opportunities in agriculture, which include more than eight thousand job titles; and

WHEREAS, Florida agriculture represents a one hundred eight billion dollar industry within the State of Florida and serves as an economic engine for the state economy, while nationally, agriculture employs over twenty-two percent of the national workforce; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, and Living to Serve", epitomizes those high standards and qualities of leadership possessed by FFA members; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County FFA and the agriscience education programs in the Escambia County School District are tremendously successful and extremely valuable in improving the quality of life for Escambia County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County FFA Programs are launching the observance of National FFA Week, February 20-27, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Escambia County School Board, by this resolution, recognize and commend Escambia County National FFA Organization members, their advisors, school administrators, parents, and all who support, promote, and encourage these students of agricultural education on the occasion of the observance of National FFA Week, February 20-27, 2016.

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 Michelle L. Taylor, Director, Workforce Education.

Adopted this 19th day of January, 2016

Bill Slayton, Chair
School Board of Escambia County

ATTEST:

Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent
School District of Escambia County