

## **PROCLAMATION FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

WHEREAS, Teachers are the backbone of the Fayette County Public Schools, working daily to open students' minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge and dreams; and

WHEREAS, The role of the classroom teacher cannot be overemphasized, for they are the single most influential factor in a child's educational experience; and

WHEREAS, Our teachers hold students to high expectations, challenge them to think critically, push them to excel in all subject areas, prepare them to be future leaders and guide them to develop into productive, responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, Excellent teaching is a labor of love, and our dedicated professionals often use their own resources and work evenings and weekends to enhance and enrich the daily learning experiences of their students with innovative lessons designed to meet their individual learning styles; and

WHEREAS, Under the expert direction of our teachers, classrooms throughout Fayette County are places where kids have the opportunity to display creativity and imagination and develop a passion for learning that will last a lifetime, because so many of our teachers realize, as Kahlil Gibran wrote, "The teacher who is indeed wise does not bid you to enter the house of his wisdom but rather leads you to the threshold of your mind;" and

WHEREAS, Teachers fill many roles, including listeners, explorers, role models, motivators and mentors and continue to influence their students long after graduation and into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Educators in Fayette County shape the future of our community and nation as they work each day to push our students to achieve more than ever before and, as such, should be accorded high esteem, reflecting the value our community places on education; and

WHEREAS, The value of our talented, committed, tireless and inspirational teachers can never be measured and there is no amount of money that could fully compensate them for the important work they do on a daily basis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the members of the Fayette County Board of Education hereby express their profound feeling of gratitude and also their deep appreciation for all that teachers contribute daily to their students, the school system and the community and join the rest of the country in celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week during May 4 through May 10, and National Teacher Day on May 7.