

RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO CHANGE THE ELECTION SCHEDULE FOR THE JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, members of the Jackson County Board of Education are currently elected during the Primary Election and are nonpartisan; and

WHEREAS, moving the election to the General Election in November will provide voters with more opportunity to research and gain knowledge of the candidates to be better informed before voting; and

WHEREAS, historically in Jackson County, voter turnout is significantly higher in the General Election than the Primary Election, so holding the election in November would allow for more representation from the public at large; and

WHEREAS, election clarity and transparency are of the utmost importance to ensure voters the most opportunity and information for their decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Jackson as follows:

- 1. The Jackson County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina General Assembly establish the date of the Board of Education Elections to be at the General Election in November.
- 2. Further, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners requests that the Jackson County Board of Education elections remain nonpartisan.
- 3. Further, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners requests this change begin in the next election cycle for members of the Jackson County Board of Education in 2024.
- 4. This Resolution shall be forwarded to the Senator and Representatives representing Jackson County in the North Carolina General Assembly.

Adopted this the 19th day of December, 2023.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS By: MARK A. LETSON, Chairman Attest: ANGELA M. WINCHESTER, Clerk to the Board