

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

_____ DATE _____

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 19, 2023

Proclamation to recognize January 2023 as National Mentoring Month

WHEREAS, January is National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to recruit quality mentors to provide additional networks of support for young people; and

WHEREAS, **Scott County** recognizes the contributions of volunteer mentors, who guide young people to success in their education, career, and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs like **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley** make our state and communities stronger by enabling impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have stepped up to ensure that mentoring relationships continued virtually and in-person, while also connecting families to critical resources and services; and

WHEREAS, mentors can help young people explore careers and build skills to achieve higher lifetime economic outcomes through activities like helping them set career goals, write a resume, practice for an interview, connecting them to opportunities, and more; and

WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that mentoring programs have a significant, positive impact on a variety of academic achievement measures, including truancy and absenteeism, scholastic efficacy and engagement, school-related misconduct, and peer support; and

WHEREAS, mentoring can be an especially effective prevention and intervention strategy for young people with marginalized identities, such as youth with disabilities, BIPOC youth, LGBTQIA+ youth, and youth with experience in foster care; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, emotional well-being, and relationship growth for young people; and

WHEREAS, with a mentor, youth facing risk are more likely to enroll in college, less likely to start using drugs, and more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities; and

WHEREAS, while one in three young people still grow up without a mentor, demonstrating the need for additional awareness and resources for mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is the time of year to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring across our state and recruit caring adult mentors in Scott County.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

Section 1. The month of January 2023 be recognized as National Mentoring Month in Scott County.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.