



# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING 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.

**2023 Scott County Board of Supervisors**

*Ken Beck, Chairman  
John Maxwell, Vice-Chair  
Jean Dickson, Supervisor  
Ross Paustian, Supervisor*

Date \_\_\_\_\_