

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 18, 2024

Proclamation to recognize January 2024 as National Mentoring Month

WHEREAS, January is National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to raise awareness of and celebrate the powerful impact of mentoring relationships, recruit new mentors, and encourage institutions to integrate quality mentoring into their policies, practices; and

WHEREAS, **Scott County** recognizes the contributions of volunteer mentors, who link youth to economic and social opportunity, while also strengthening our community; and

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

WHEREAS, mentoring programs generally have a significant, positive impact on youth academic achievement, school connectedness and engagement, and educational success, which can lead to outcomes such as improved attendance, grades, and test scores, and classroom behavior; 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, mentors can help young people set career goals, and can help connect mentees to industry professionals to train for and find jobs; and

WHEREAS, effective mentoring of underserved and vulnerable populations of young people helps them confront challenges and enjoy improved mental health and social-emotional well-being; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have been found to positively impact many aspects of mental wellbeing, including reducing unhealthy coping mechanisms, improving interpersonal relationships, and reducing parental stress; and

WHEREAS, young people with a mentor are more likely to enroll in college, to participate in sports or extra-curricular activities, to hold a leadership position in a club or sports team, and to volunteer regularly, and less likely to start using drugs;

WHEREAS, mentoring is an innovative, evidence-based practice and, uniquely, is both a prevention and intervention strategy that can support young people of all demographics and backgrounds in all aspects of their lives; and

WHEREAS, despite the benefits of mentoring, one young person of every three is growing up without a mentor, which means a third of the youth of the United States are growing up without someone outside of the home to offer real life guidance and support; and

WHEREAS, this "mentoring gap" demonstrates the need for collaboration among the private, public, and nonprofit sectors to increase resources for relationship-centric supports for youth in communities, schools, and workplaces;

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

Section 1. The month of January 2024 be recognized as National Mentoring Month in Scott County.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.