

RESOLUTION NO. -12

**SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF THE TEMPORARY ONE-CENT SALES TAX TO MAINTAIN
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN THE BALDWIN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, strong, well-funded schools and thriving, prosperous communities go hand in hand; and

WHEREAS, our own public schools are often cited as the single most important factor in attracting new residents and businesses to Baldwin County; and

WHEREAS, due to Baldwin County's growth the Baldwin County Board of Education had 225 portable classrooms that were replaced with 1.3 million square feet of new educational space through two bond issues totaling \$150 million, which reduced monthly rental costs. This year student enrollment increased by 700+ students so additional revenue is required to meet the Baldwin County Board of Education's needs, and

WHEREAS, the Foley Schools have numerous educational programs benefiting our children that are dependent upon continued funding, and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the Baldwin County Board of Education had over \$22 million in reserve funds, and since that time, a declining economy and State reduced funding has left our public schools to operate with a reduction in excess of \$61 million; and

WHEREAS, we urge our legislative delegation to begin now to seek a relief to the disproportionate contribution that our school system is required to make, and to pursue modifications in the policy to provide a more stable funding system for our education throughout Alabama.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foley, Alabama, supports the November 8, 2012 ballot measure to provide approximately \$25 million annually over the next three years to maintain needed teachers, administrators and programs which promote student safety and academic success.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption as required by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1st day of October 2012.

John E. Koniar, Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria Southern, CMC
City Clerk