



WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises have eroded positive conditions for learning and created an absenteeism crisis; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence, missing 10% or more of school, alerts schools, community partners and families that one or more positive conditions for learning are not in place; and

WHEREAS, in the post-pandemic school year of 2020-2021, 18.9% of Hall County School students were chronically absent, which means they missed 10% or more school days; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Education reports that students who are chronically absent from school have a 30% graduation rate as compared to the 87% graduation rate of those with regular attendance; and

WHEREAS, students who are chronically absent develop habits that negatively impact the future work force for Hall County; and

WHEREAS, showing up for school is an opportunity for students to build routines that can create a sense of safety and belonging, increase engagement and develop trusting relationships with peers, teachers and school staff that increase engagement and motivate them to participate in learning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hall County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 to be

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2022.

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