

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS
IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND MATHEMATICS**

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2009, the Alabama State Board of Education adopted a resolution to "Participate in a State-Led Common Set of Standards in English and Mathematics;" and

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) committed to create a school-led (not a federal government-led) effort to develop a common core of standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has conducted three work sessions on the topic of Common Core State Standards; has heard a report from members of the most recent English Language Arts and Mathematics Course of Study Committees on their review of the Common Core Standards and existing courses of study and that they prefer the Common Core Standards for use in Alabama's schools; has not changed any policies or procedures for future Courses of Study development in any subject areas and that the State Board will continue to adhere to the policies and procedures for utilizing school personnel, private sector individuals, and the general public to serve on Course of Study committees, and the final adoption of Courses of Study will remain a duty of the State Board of Education; has not changed any policies or procedures for adhering to state law on the textbook selection; has heard a report on the four regional meetings held in Mobile, Montgomery, Birmingham, and Decatur where approximately 200 people attended; has heard a report that adoption and implementation of the Common Core Standards will cost less than the continued traditional development and implementation of Courses of Study; has reviewed documents of support from education groups, businesses and industries, the United States Military, and civic groups, both in Alabama and nationally; and has recognized that 38 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands have adopted the Common Core Standards, with four additional states having adopted the Standards by their respective State Boards of Education but needing legislative approval due to their state laws:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby adopt the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Done this the 18th day of November 2010

