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Interim Superintendent

School Bus Driver Appreciation Week 2018

A Proclamation

WHERE AS, 1600 school districts are responsible for 480,000 yellow school buses that transport 26 million children to and from school each day.

WHERE AS, bus drivers of Thomasville City Schools join a team from across this country whose commitment is to provide safe, efficient and healthy transportation for our nation's school children

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences, the United States Department of Transportation and other authorities agree that school buses are the safest form of transportation for getting children to and from school.

WHERE AS, we recognize that some safety features including the color, size of school buses, weight, reinforced sides, flashing lights, cross view mirrors, crossing and stop sign arms ensure children are protected and secure on and off the bus.

WHERE AS, school bus drivers are highly trained professionals who always have children's safety in mind.

WHERE AS, Thomasville City Schools' Superintendent ensures that all bus drivers receive personalized training in student behavior management, loading and unloading, security and emergency medical procedures.

WHERE AS, bus drivers participate in pre-employment and random drug/alcohol testing as well as frequent driver record checks, background and medical exams in order to maintain their Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) with a School Bus Endorsement.

WHERE AS, without school buses and school bus drivers, many public school students would not have safe, reliable transportation to and from school.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that we declare and recognize the daily outstanding efforts of bus drivers in Thomasville City Schools and

Proclaimed this 13th day of February, 2018 that during the week of

February 12, 2018 through February 16, 2018 is recognized as

"School Bus Driver Appreciation Week".

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Mr. Kevan Callicutt
School Board Chairperson