

**Proclamation Declaring September 26 - 30 as “Founders’ Week” in Clay County**

WHEREAS, the leading figures present at the country’s founding, including those who were instrumental in crafting the founding documents that institutionalized individual liberty and representative government that derives its power from the consent of the governed; and

WHEREAS, the moral and civic virtue, self-sacrifice, intellectual genius, and patriotism demonstrated by the country’s founding fathers; and

WHEREAS, the founding documents, including, but not limited to, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers; and

WHEREAS, the historical and philosophical importance of the Declaration of Independence with its emphasis that all people “are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness;” and

WHEREAS, the principles inherent in the founding documents, including, but not limited to, individual freedom, equality, representative government, a free market system, civic virtue, natural law, and self-evident truth; and

WHEREAS, instruction may be integrated into the existing school curriculum through methods including, but not limited to, supplementing lesson plans, holding school assemblies, or providing school-related activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the week of September 26- 30 be designated as American Founders’ Week in Clay County.

Adopted this 15th day of September 2016.

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Charlie Van Zant, Superintendent of Schools

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Johnna McKinnon, School Board Chairman