

PROCLAMATION

The School Board of Clay County

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children, Florida's premier scholarship and mentoring program, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2015 and

WHEREAS, established in 1995, the nonprofit organization Take Stock in Children provides at-risk and low-income students extensive support, motivation and accountability to ensure they graduate from high school and pursue their postsecondary education goals; and

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years, Take Stock in Children has served more than 24,000 students in 67 counties throughout Florida; and over 200 students in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, the organization has more than \$149 million in Florida Prepaid Foundation scholarship assets ensuring our students are college ready and college bound; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children collaborates with community leaders and business partners, as well as staff and key stakeholders to provide equal educational opportunities to all children despite their socio-economic status to break the cycle of poverty for Florida's children living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, the organization promises scholars the support of a caring mentor, in-school support, college readiness services provided by college success coaches, and a college tuition scholarship upon high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children graduates 96% of its student scholars from high school and 87% go on to pursue a post-secondary education, well over the national average; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children is to be commended for its commitment to developing confidence, pride, competence, hope and a sense of belonging among children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and School Board of Clay County, Florida, does hereby approve this Resolution recognizing Take Stock in Children.

Duly adopted by the School Board of Clay County, Florida this 19th day of February, 2015.



Johnna McKinnon
School Board Chairman

Charlie Van Zant
Superintendent of Schools