



Proclamation

HONORING TRIPLE THREAT PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

WHEREAS, the County of Jackson recognizes the arts, defined as dance, music, theatre, and visual arts, as an essential element of a complete and balanced education for all students; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through the arts enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum as well as personal growth outside the classroom; and

WHEREAS, imagination and creativity are increasingly understood as critical capacities needed for success in the 21st century workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Triple Threat Performing Arts Academy of Sylva, North Carolina has provided a venue for young people to experience the arts through instruction, performance, and competition, resulting in the following accolades during the 2015 Showstopper National Dance Competition in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina:

In the individual group and soloist competitions, many were awarded Gold, Platinum, and Double Platinum Awards and/or were placed within the top five of their respective categories.

The team's production number, titled "Don't Worry Now" featured all of the dancers of the Mini, Junior, and Senior groups and placed first overall in the group competition, and earned the group the title of National Champions, and;

WHEREAS, the students of the Triple Threat Performing Arts Academy have brought honor and distinction to themselves, their families, and our community through endless hours of hard work and dedication contributed by the following team members: Evelyn Rowan, Natalie Stuckey, Grace Chastain, Mary Cooper, Kate Cooper, Kendra Hall, Kiana Stephenson, Ella Ledford, Abby McLeod, Nicole Boone, Gracie Ruebel, Mara Buskey Maddie Lay, Polly Tissue, Claire Spilliards, Haven Bryant, Alden Thomas, Tayla Holt, Diana Keown, Caroline Spilliards, Zoe Walkingstick, and Autumn Colton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and congratulate the members of this year's Triple Threat Performing Arts Academy of Sylva and their staff for demonstrating tremendous athletic, artistic, and leadership talent throughout this year's competitive process which resulted in a very distinguished award.

ADOPTED the 5st day of November, 2015.

Attest:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman