

G.4a PROCLAMATION

SOCIAL WORK MONTH – MARCH 2009

WHEREAS, school social workers throughout the Fayette County Public Schools are key members of the educational team preparing our children for the future, and

WHEREAS, school social workers serve the mental health needs of students and families, provide crisis intervention, develop partnerships with community resources, strengthen the links between home and school, lead prevention programs and collaborate with other educators; and

WHEREAS, school social workers help our students through early identification, assessment, home visits, conflict resolution, program development, prevention, intervention, counseling and support; and

WHEREAS, school social workers actively address the barriers our children face, serving as catalysts to bring people together to create an environment that is conducive to effective problem solving and learning; and

WHEREAS, without our school social workers, many of our students would not achieve academic success due to social, emotional and behavioral challenges affecting their school performance.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the members of the Fayette County Board of Education hereby join the rest of the country in celebrating March 2009 as Professional Social Work Month.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the members of the school board express their deep appreciation to our school social workers for all they do to support our students and schools as integral members of the “It’s About Kids” team.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be spread on the official minutes of the Board of Education.