



## Resolution in Recognition of Head Start Awareness Month

**Whereas**, the Head Start Program began as an eight-week demonstration project designed to help break the cycle of poverty. It provided preschool children from low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional, and educational needs; and

**Whereas**, Head Start has grown since then to serve every 1 in 11 Americans, helping them build the skills needed to be successful in school and in life, with participants less likely to live in poverty or receive public assistance; and

**Whereas**, Head Start's reach in Washtenaw after years of existence provides access for 427 eligible families with children 3-5, access for 56 children under age 3 in Early Head Start programs, and with priority given to children with disabilities, children with families experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care; and

**Whereas**, the Michigan Head Start Association is a statewide non-profit organization whose mission is to provide education, leadership, and advocacy that supports the Head Start program's efforts in delivering high quality comprehensive services to Michigan's children, families, and communities and the WISD calls as a partner; and

**Whereas**, during Head Start Awareness Month, the WISD recognizes the local community leaders and their dedicated staff across our state who are helping Washtenaw county's most vulnerable children and their families thrive through the delivery of vital early childhood education, health, and family support services, and recognizes the many contributions of the dedicated early childhood professionals, whose efforts are essential to Head Start's growth and success in Washtenaw County; now

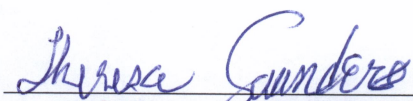
**Therefore, be it resolved that, the Washtenaw Intermediate School District Board of Education** recognizes Head Start Awareness Month, October 2023, in Washtenaw County.

AYES: Members: Diane Hockett, Mary Jane Tromontin, Theresa Saunders, Steve Olsen

NAYS: Members: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Members: Sarena Shivers

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

  
Secretary, Board of Education