A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION TO ESTABLISH A DAY TO CELEBRATE INCLUSIVITY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WHEREAS, The University of Alabama is a premier university with a student body of roughly 38,392 students; and

WHEREAS, There are individuals with special needs within the University of Alabama community, and 421,135 individuals with disabilities in the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, there are multiple programs at the University of Alabama that serve around 600 individuals with special needs; and

WHEREAS, only 144 of the 38,653 students at Alabama are members/participants of an organization that supports individuals with special needs; and

WHEREAS, there is a great disparity between the number of individuals with special needs and the number of typical students that interact with them;

WHEREAS, it is in our Capstone Creed to “promote equity and inclusion”; now,
THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Senate of the University of Alabama encourage a resolution encouraging the Student Government Association to establish a day to celebrate inclusivity of individuals with special needs to walk in the way of the Capstone Creed and raise awareness to inclusivity of those with special needs

*Be it further resolved*, that this be implemented on a day of March 2020, the national month of Developmental Disability month.

*Be it further resolved*, That copies of this resolution be sent to: Dr. Stuart R. Bell, President of the University of Alabama; Dr. G. Christine Taylor The University of Alabama vice president and associate provost for diversity, equity and inclusion; Harrison Adams., President of the Student Government Association; Clay Martinson, Executive Vice President of Student Government Association; Dr. Rosalind Moore, Director of Student Involvement and SOURCE advisor; and others as may be deemed necessary at a later date.