

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Head Start program was nationally launched in 1965 under the program title Project Head Start, to partner with economically disadvantaged children and families to connect with them comprehensive and essential services to promote health and success; the program helps provide children with developmentally appropriate education, health care, and social services to prepare them to succeed in school and society; and;

**WHEREAS**, at the time the Head Start Program launched, every county in West Virginia had residents seeking to better the lives of their children and family, with the program's support and;

**WHEREAS**, Head Start offers comprehensive services to promote parent engagement, social and emotional growth, nutrition, health and dental care, along with academic learning of Head Start children and their families; and;

**WHEREAS**, Head Start collaborates with Early Childhood Education organizations and programs in the state of West Virginia to serve children from prenatal to age 5 and their families, and to provide critical services to 8,000 children state wide, including 209 families in Marion County, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the efforts of the members of the Marion County Head Start and Early Head Start Programs and honor their commitment to improving the lives of our Marion County children and families, and;

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the Head Start Program is celebrating 52 years of service to children and families, addressing individual family needs and providing opportunities for children to develop skills that will assist them in being successful in school and beyond, and engaging families to be part of their children's education, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Marion County Commission does hereby recognize the year 2017 as the:

## 52nd Anniversary of the Head Start Program

In Marion county and encourage all citizens to join us in this celebration.

Given under our hand and the Seal of Marion County, this the 18th day of October, 2017.



MARION COUNTY COMMISSION

*Ernest Vandelder*  
Ernest Vandelder, President

*Randy Elliott*  
Randy Elliott, Commissioner

*Rick Garcia*  
Rick Garcia, Commissioner

Attest:

*Jenice Casco*  
Jenice Casco, County Clerk  
*Allye J. Plunk*  
Allye J. Plunk, Deputy

