



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1.

**DATE OF MEETING:** April 16, 2012

**REQUESTED BY:** Amber Parker, Human Resources Director

**SHORT TITLE:** Recognition of the National County Government Month Essay Contest Winners

**BACKGROUND:** The Board requested the development of an essay contest to be held in-connection with National County Government Month as a way to increase educational opportunities and citizen participation in the annual event.

Pender County Government partnered with Pender County Schools to create a fourth grade essay contest on, "Healthy Counties, Healthy Families." The contest was administered through Pender County fourth grade history classes and resulted in 88 essays from 13 classes from four different Pender County Schools.

The teacher of each class scored all essays and selected the top essay or essays for anonymous judging at the county level. The essays were scored based upon originality, strength of argument/defense, organization, spelling and grammar and neatness.

The Board of Commissioners determined the winning essay.

Chairman George R. Brown, Jr. will present the award on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the student will be provided an opportunity to read his or her essay.