



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-83

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NOVEMBER
AS NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2007, both the United States House of Representatives and the Senate passed a resolution declaring November, National Homeless Youth Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless, 1.6 million teenagers in the United States are homeless on any given night with this population equally divided between male and female, between the ages of 15 and 17; and

WHEREAS, 21% of homeless children repeat a grade due to frequent absences from school; and

WHEREAS, within a single school year 41% of homeless students attend two different schools, while 28% attend three or more different schools; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 7,000 youth under the age of 18 experience homelessness each year in Florida; and

WHEREAS, in Broward Schools alone, 2,300 students were identified as homeless in the 2013-2014 school year; and

WHEREAS, the future well-being of our schools and city depends on the value we place on our youth and in particular on our actions to provide these most vulnerable of our young people with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities they need to find and maintain stable housing and develop into healthy and productive adults; and

WHEREAS, District staff in partnership with numerous community agencies and organizations endeavor to remove barriers faced by homeless students, yet the number of effective programs providing services and support to homeless youth in Broward County are only a fraction of what is needed to fully address the needs of these young people; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Schools Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team empowers homeless students and families through educational advocacy and support while promoting awareness in schools and the community; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County recognizes that youth homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many students and families in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to educate the public about the many reasons people, especially youth, are hungry and homeless; including the shortage of affordable housing in Broward County for very low income residents; and to encourage support for homeless assistance as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in partnership with numerous community agencies and organizations addressing the pervasive issue of homelessness declares

NOVEMBER 2014

as

HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

and urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale this 21st day of October 2014.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Patricia Good, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-84

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE WEEK
NOVEMBER 3-7, 2014**

WHEREAS, our boundaries have been extended beyond the borders of our nation - they consist of every corner of the globe; and

WHEREAS, in the study of World Languages people have an immediate bridge to international understanding and cooperation with global society; and

WHEREAS, the study of the French language and culture by generations of American youth has fostered greater understanding of and appreciation for the people and cultures of France and the French-speaking world; and

WHEREAS, the success of achieving these lofty goals is mankind's insurance policy for the future; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to foster mutual respect and understanding of the French language and culture, a special time has been designated for all people to join forces in recognizing the importance of the French language and culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with others throughout this state and nation, hereby extends its support for the celebration of

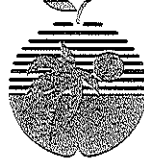
**NATIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE WEEK
NOVEMBER 3 - 7, 2014**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of October, 2014.

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ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-85

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY NOVEMBER 20, 2014

WHEREAS, children who have had a loved one die, especially a friend or close family member, can carry that loss with them forever, causing confusion and fearfulness as they struggle to understand why their loved one was taken away, and;

WHEREAS, many trained professionals working at dedicated children's grief centers throughout the state offer bereavement counseling to children and their families, and;

WHEREAS, such counseling provides emotional support for children struggling with grief, allowing them to find guidance and understanding during an extremely difficult time, and;

WHEREAS, The State of Florida House District 96 has recognized November 20, 2014, as Children's Grief Awareness Day, and;

WHEREAS, Tomorrow's Rainbow, Inc. is a special place in Broward County, Florida for children that have experienced the death of a loved one, and;

WHEREAS, by incorporating miniature horse interactions with therapeutic play areas and facilitated peer support, Tomorrow's Rainbow provides a safe place where children are given the tools necessary to take their own personal grief journey in a way that is meaningful to them and to feel, often for the first time, understood, and;

WHEREAS, the mission of Tomorrow's Rainbow is to provide grieving children, teens and their families an emotionally safe environment for hope and healing through guidance, education and support, and;

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2014 students and employees of Broward County Public Schools are encouraged to wear blue in an effort to raise awareness and show their support for mournful children and the grief centers that seek to serve those young people confounded by the reality of death.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby recognizes TOMORROW'S RAINBOW, INC. for its excellence as a premier resource for grieving children, teens and their families and does officially proclaim November 20, 2014 as **CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY** and urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to join in this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of October 2014.

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Patricia Good, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-86

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2014**

WHEREAS, every child deserves a loving, nurturing and permanent home, sadly, more than seven hundred fifty abused and neglected children in the care of the Florida Department of Children and Families are waiting for such a home. These children are not the newborns most people picture when they think of adoption. Generally they are older boys and girls and teenagers who may have unique medical, psychological or physical needs. Adoption gives them a brighter future, brings great joy to the adoptive parents and places fewer demands on social services, and;

WHEREAS, adoption is the permanency plan for more than seven hundred fifty waiting children in Florida, and;

WHEREAS, nearly all of these children have special needs because of physical, mental or emotional disabilities, or because they must be placed as a sibling group, or because they are minorities, or because they are of school age and these children need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships, and;

WHEREAS, in 2012, more than three thousand children in foster care were placed with adoptive families in Florida, and;

WHEREAS, there are families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs, and;

WHEREAS, it is important to stress that a disability, low income, or unmarried status does not preclude the right to adopt, and;

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children, require and deserve community and public agency support, and;

WHEREAS, adopting children from foster care costs little or no money and includes free health care and college tuition, and;

WHEREAS, opening your home and heart to one or more of these children will change your life and theirs in amazing and positive ways forever, and;

WHEREAS, since 2000, National Adoption Day has grown from nine events in its first year to more than 400 events across the United States, including Broward County, and;

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day has helped nearly 50,000 children move from foster care to a forever family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support for:

**NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2014**

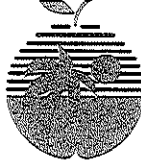
and urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to support this public awareness campaign.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of October 2014.

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Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-88

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MINORITY MALE MENTORING MONTH
JANUARY 2015**

WHEREAS, The Superintendent has prioritized mentoring as a proven strategy to address the challenges faced by African American and Hispanic young men; and the citizens of Broward County, Florida recognize that our success depends on helping every child succeed in school and reach their full potential in life, and realize that young people, especially young men of color need a solid foundation of support that will help them become well-educated, confident, and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, mentoring is a proven, effective strategy that helps young men by matching them with caring responsible adults who can assist in life skills and career development, and increase their confidence; and

WHEREAS, mentors build character, encourage success, boost confidence, lift expectations, and inspire young men to do their best, serving as confidants, role models, life coaches, and sources of stability and support during a critical time in a their life; and

WHEREAS, research shows that mentoring has beneficial and long-term effects on young men of color by increasing their academic engagement and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

WHEREAS, every day residents of Broward County and District staff are making a profound difference in the lives of our young men by serving as mentors, supported by many private and public sector organizations that offer mentoring opportunities for young men; and

WHEREAS, thousands of young men in Broward County Public Schools are in need of a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this mentoring gap will take more investment, partnerships, and volunteers ready to make a difference in a young man's life; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the plight of young men of color and the benefits of matching them with caring adult and peer mentors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, proclaims January 2015 as Minority Male Mentoring Month, and call upon the people of Broward County to recognize the importance of mentoring to improve the lives of young men of color, to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in Broward County Public Schools, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-89

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY
FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, heart disease claims the lives of nearly 500,000 American women each year; and

WHEREAS, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, an inactive lifestyle, obesity and smoking all contribute to disability and/or heart attack; and

WHEREAS, 80 percent of cardiac events in women could be prevented, if women made the right choices for their hearts involving diet, exercise and abstinence from smoking; and

WHEREAS, many have dismissed heart disease as an "older man's disease"; and

WHEREAS, to dispel the myths and raise awareness of heart disease as the number one killer of women, the American Heart Association created *Go Red for Women* – a passionate, emotional, social initiative designed to empower women to take charge of their heart health; and

WHEREAS, the Red Dress is a red alert to take heart disease seriously; and

WHEREAS, Go Red for Women encourages awareness of the issue of women and heart disease, and also action to save more lives; and

WHEREAS, the movement harnesses the energy, passion and power women have to band together and collectively wipe out heart disease and stroke; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the American Heart Association set a strategic goal of reducing death and disability from cardiovascular disease and strokes by 20%, while improving the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20% by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association uses all revenues from local and National Go Red for Women activities to support awareness, research, education and community programs to benefit women.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida declares its support of

**National Wear Red Day
February 6, 2015**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 21st day of October, 2014.

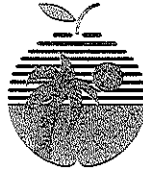
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ATTEST:

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-90

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL WORLD LANGUAGES WEEK
MARCH 2 - 6, 2015**

WHEREAS, our boundaries have been extended beyond the borders of our states - they consist of every corner of the globe; and

WHEREAS, many languages and cultures are represented in Broward County which our world languages students strive to understand and learn - from the elementary to the adult level; and

WHEREAS, the study of world languages can be an important bridge to the understanding of other countries and cultures; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to foster mutual respect and understanding, a special time has been designated for all people to join forces in recognizing the importance of world languages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with others throughout this state and nation, hereby extends its support for the celebration of

**DISCOVER LANGUAGES
March 2 - 6, 2015**

and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this observance and the theme:

DISCOVERING LANGUAGES; DISCOVERING THE WORLD

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of October, 2014.

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-92

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOLOCAUST AWARENESS WEEK

April 13 - 17, 2015

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY (Yom HaShoah)

April 16, 2015

WHEREAS, prejudice, bigotry, racism and hate have been the cause of conflict, war and mass atrocities throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the Nazi regime was able to exploit severe economic hardships in the aftermath of World War I to foster prejudice and hatred toward a group that had historically been used as scapegoats throughout Europe, culminating in the attempt to exterminate the Jewish population in Europe, widely known as the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, during the Holocaust, at least 11 million people were brutally murdered, at least 6 million of whom were Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, other marginalized groups, such as Soviet prisoners of war, ethnic Poles, children and adults with disabilities, homosexuals, intellectuals and political and religious dissenters were victims of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we and future generations never forget the tragic lessons learned from the organized, government-sponsored mass killings of the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to remember, honor and emulate those righteous people who risked their lives to save thousands of innocent people during the Holocaust and to learn from their legacy of courage, selflessness and hope; and

WHEREAS, as a common standard of achievement for all people and nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948 (Declaration) adopted by the United Nations asserts that "recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS, over half a century after the conclusion of World War II, too many of the world's nations have not learned the lessons of the Holocaust, as demonstrated by recent episodes of ethnic cleansing, genocides, crimes against humanity and mass killings in so many parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of families, educators and the many diverse religious communities around the world as well as political leaders, humanitarians, public officials and the media to recognize the Holocaust as both a political and human tragedy and to spread that knowledge to our younger and future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all concerned citizens raise awareness and take action regarding current and potential instances of genocide, organized mass killing, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in connection with parent groups and local organizations, hereby declares its support of

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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-93

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
El Día de los Niños CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS
April 30, 2015**

WHEREAS, many of the nations throughout the world, and especially within the Western Hemisphere celebrate "El Día de los Niños" on the 30th day of April in recognition and celebration of their country's future – their children; and

WHEREAS, children represent the hopes and dreams of the citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, children should be nurtured and invested in to preserve and enhance economic prosperity, democracy, and the American spirit; and

WHEREAS, traditional Hispanic family life centers largely on children; and

WHEREAS, Hispanics in the United States, the youngest and fastest growing ethnic community in the nation, continue the tradition of honoring their children on this day, and wish to share this custom with the rest of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a day to honor the children of the nation will help affirm for the people of the United States and of Broward County, the significance of family, education, and community; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a day of special recognition of children of the United States will provide an opportunity to children to reflect on their future, to articulate their dreams and aspirations and find comfort and security in the support of their family members and communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Latino Children's Institute, serves as a voice for children, has worked with cities throughout the country to declare April 30th as "El Día de los Niños – Celebrating Young Americans" - a day to bring together Hispanics and other communities nationwide to celebrate and uplift children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares April 30, 2015, as

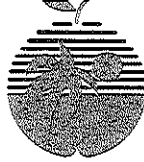
El Día de los Niños CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of October, 2014.

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Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of School



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-94

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH ~ MAY 2015**

WHEREAS, childhood is a time for children to develop and learn in a nurturing, safe and permanent home, sadly there are almost half a million children in the United States, more than eighteen thousand children in the State of Florida, and more than fourteen hundred children in Broward County who are unable to remain at home through no fault of their own; and

WHEREAS, safe places to live and emotional support are provided for many of these troubled children through Foster Care programs across America, in Florida and in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, many extraordinary people give generously of their time, their homes, their resources and their love to provide a haven for foster children where they can feel safe and valued; and

WHEREAS, in Broward County, ChildNet, the Community Based Lead Agency, coordinates the management of 455 licensed foster homes in Broward County, oversees the care of 602 children who are placed in these homes, and provides financial aid to parents trying to reunify their families; and

WHEREAS, the Guardian ad Litem Program (GAL) is a partnership of community advocates and professional staff, 600 volunteers strong in Broward County, who provide independent advocacy and a powerful voice on behalf of thousands of abused, abandoned and neglected dependent children, and who work in collaboration with the ChildNet system and the dependency court system to ensure all children obtain the services they need; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools recognizes the needs of foster children by providing a trained educator at each school site to work with foster parents and placed foster children; and

WHEREAS, although in Broward County there were more than 700 children reunified and almost 200 children adopted last year, there remains a tremendous need for more families willing to provide foster care for or to adopt children; and

WHEREAS, during National Foster Care Month, we recognize the devotion, caring and selflessness of foster parents, faith-based and community organizations, advocacy groups, mentors, and tutors who strive to ensure that these children receive rich opportunities and the support they need to reach their full potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support for:

**NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH
MAY 2015**

and urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to make this a time to recognize and celebrate those who make a difference in the lives of children in Foster Care programs.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of October 2014.

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ATTEST: _____
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The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 15-95

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY LIFE & HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION
MAY, 2015**

WHEREAS, American youth are exhibiting behaviors leading to increasing rates of life-threatening or health-compromising sexually transmitted diseases that in part reflect ignorance of sexual health promoting behaviors; and

WHEREAS, youth infection with HIV/AIDS has reached an epidemic level, particularly among young gay men and ethnic minority youth, in part because of the lack of knowledge about protective behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children are becoming involved in sexual activities at younger ages; and

WHEREAS, over 1 million teenage women become pregnant annually and approximately 300,000 of these teenagers become homeless or runaways or both; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence of sexual intercourse appears to be higher among youth who did not receive sexuality education; and

WHEREAS, youth whose sexual orientation or whose values, beliefs and practices differ from those deemed acceptable by many in our society are subject to persistent, subtle or overt harassment and violence which may lead to suicide; and

WHEREAS, youth with a physical or mental disability may be more vulnerable to sexual coercion; and

WHEREAS, dating violence, sexual abuse and other forms of sexual violence are traumatic events that have become increasingly prevalent; and

WHEREAS, sexual health, personal self-esteem and the ability to participate in responsible, caring and stable relationships, as well as to develop positive interpersonal social attitudes can be promoted through education; and

WHEREAS, access to comprehensive sexual health education is critical to healthy development. Such information should be positive, age appropriate and culturally suitable and should respect the choice of abstinence; it should acknowledge women's rights, should foster shared responsibility among males and females for sexual behaviors and should promote tolerance for sexual diversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups and local organizations, hereby declares its support of:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY LIFE & HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION
MAY, 2015**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 21st day of October, 2014

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