



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-08

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT  
PROTOCOLS INCLUDING NEUROCOGNITIVE TESTING FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETES**

**WHEREAS**, a concussion is a disturbance in brain function that occurs following either a blow to the head, face, or neck or as a result of the violent shaking of the head or body; and

**WHEREAS**, a concussion resulting from playing in interscholastic sports may result in the rapid onset of neurological impairment and acute clinical symptoms such as chronic headache, fatigue, mental sluggishness, sleep difficulties, personality changes (e.g. increased irritability), sensitivity to light or noise, dizziness, and coordination difficulties as well as deficits in short term memory, concentration, problem solving, and general academic functioning that reflect a functional neurological disturbance; and

**WHEREAS**, the incidence of concussion leaves student-athletes vulnerable to conditions such as Second Impact Syndrome, which can result in death or permanent disability, or Post-Concussion Syndrome, which involves thinking, behavioral, and emotional difficulties that can last up to weeks, months, or even years after injury to the brain, should a student-athlete sustain a second concussion prior to the complete resolution of the primary injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County implements a series of concussion management protocols designed to prevent and manage concussions including the implementation of baseline and post injury neurocognitive testing; and

**WHEREAS**, concussion management protocols include:

- Annual pre-participation physical for all student athletes with medical history requirements on head injuries, concussions, severe headaches, tingling in extremities and memory loss,
- Agreements with Broward Health and Memorial Healthcare to provide state/nationally certified athletic trainers at all high schools. Athletic trainers serve as first responders for sports medicine issues including concussions,
- Adhere to Florida High School Athletic Association rule that any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaving consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest or practice and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional,



- All Head, paid coaches and student athletes are required to view the online education course, "Concussion in Sports-What you need to know." An affidavit of compliance for the concussion course must be maintained by each high school and signed by the school principal and athletic director,
- All sports coaches are encouraged to attend on August 19, 2015, a sports medicine symposium sponsored by Broward Health at Parker Playhouse, which includes a presentation on "Concussion Prevention and Awareness for Youth Sports Coaches" by Stephen Russo, Ph.D.,
- Contest officials shall be cognizant of athletes who display signs, symptoms or behaviors of a concussion and immediately stop play for injury evaluation within the rules of the game. Once the patient has been removed from a contest due to a suspected concussion, the coach, athletic trainer and appropriate health care professional shall assume full responsibility for that athlete's evaluation and safety. The national certified athletic trainer will assist with sideline evaluation of a student athlete when the athlete is sent out of a game or practice,
- High school football players must sit out one play if their helmet comes off while the ball is live,
- All student athletes participating in interscholastic sports shall be required as a participating condition to take a baseline neurocognitive test. Neurocognitive tests which are brief, computer-administered, neurocognitive screening devices developed by experts in the field of sport-related concussion, scientifically validated to measure the effects of concussive injuries, and designed to help clinicians evaluate an athlete's recovery following concussion by assessing aspects of an athlete's cognitive functioning such as working memory, sustained and selective attention and reaction time, can be used to help objectively evaluate a concussed athlete's post injury condition and track their recovery for a safe return to play and thereby help to prevent or minimize the cumulative effects of concussion,
- No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of a suspected concussion,
- Any athlete suspected of having a concussion shall be evaluated by an appropriate health care professional,
- Any athlete with a suspected concussion shall be medically cleared by an appropriate health care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition,
- After medical clearance, return to play shall follow a graduated protocol with provisions for delayed return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms,
- Adhere to National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) to annually recondition every football helmet,
- Limit the lifespan of helmets to five years, and destroy all helmets after the five-year period,
- Every student athlete and parent shall be required to read and sign consent and release from Liability Certificate for concussion. Such certificate produced by the Florida High School Athletic Association shall educate parents and athletes on signs and symptoms of a concussion and action steps that must be taken; and



**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County supports a comprehensive education campaign to increase awareness about concussion management, including prevention, symptoms and treatment developed with the assistance of Broward Health, Memorial Healthcare, Nova Southeastern, booster clubs and community organizations such as the Daniel Brett Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the neurocognitive testing, called ImPACT, is jointly funded by the Broward County Athletic Association, Nova Southeastern University and Florida Community Bank;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that every high school within the jurisdiction of The School Board of Broward County, Florida shall support awareness and the protocols of concussion management.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-09

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, cities and communities across the country are confronted with the issue of one in four students missing a month or more of school, placing them at risk of academic failure, drop out risk and reduced socialization; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the School Board of Broward County, Florida to increase student achievement. Research has shown a direct correlation between student attendance and academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, chronic absence, defined by Florida State Statutes as a student who has had at least five unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month, or 10 unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a 90-calendar-day period, may be exhibiting a pattern of non-attendance (F.S. 1003.26 (1) (b)), contributes to lower student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, chronic absenteeism is a proven predictor of struggles in academics. Chronic absenteeism also increases the likelihood of dropping out; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County has partnered with community agencies such as The State Attorney's Office and state funded Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS) agencies to address the needs of students demonstrating chronic absence, both excused and unexcused; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring and monitoring regular school attendance is the responsibility of all stakeholder groups in Broward County, Florida,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares

September 2015 as Attendance Awareness Month

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

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-11

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
2015/16 SCHOOL YEAR AS THE CENTENNIAL YEAR  
THROUGHOUT  
BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
September 1, 2015 – June 10, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the first members of the Board of Public Instruction of Broward County, which included three members, were appointed by the Governor of Florida on July 13, 1915; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Board of Public Instruction of Broward County and the appointed County Superintendent of Public Instruction, acting as Board Secretary, met to complete the organization of the Board on October 18, 1915; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Instruction appointed 37 teachers to work at 12 Broward County schools at said organizational meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Instruction of Broward County officially changed its name to the School Board of Broward County, Florida in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County, Florida currently oversees 238 schools, centers and technical colleges, 99 charter schools, over 265,000 students and 175,000 adult learners; over 14,500 instructional staff, 9,800 support staff, 1,370 administrators, and approximately 7,000 substitute and temporary workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County, Florida has grown from three members to nine members who lead the sixth largest public school system in the nation, the second largest public school system in Florida, and since 1962, is the first fully accredited school district in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Educating Today's Students to Succeed in Tomorrow's World is the vision statement of Broward County Public Schools under the auspices of the School Board of Broward County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools is committed to educating all students to reach their highest potential as stated in its mission statement; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County, Florida is celebrating 100 years of service to Broward County, the State of Florida and the United States of America.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby declares and proclaims

**September 1, 2015, as the official launch date for its Centennial Celebration,**

**that the 2015/16 school year is recognized as its Centennial Year throughout Broward County Public Schools,**

and that all schools, centers, technical colleges and departments will participate in promoting this stellar milestone throughout the community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

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# RESOLUTION

No. 16-12

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HUNGER ACTION MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, there are 871,920 food insecure individuals in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, those in need of food assistance include children, the working poor, older adults, veterans, physically and mentally disabled, and the homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, Feeding South Florida (FSF) is one of 202 food banks comprising the Feeding America network. FSF has the largest service area in Florida, serving 30% of the State's food insecure population; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been an increase in the reliance on emergency food programs by almost 40%; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013-2014, Feeding South Florida distributed 197 million pounds of food to Florida families in need. An estimated 4,203,608 meals each year are provided through programs specifically targeted to at-risk children, and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools, Coordinated Student Health Services Department is now a Partner Agency with Feeding South Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Hunger Action Month to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# RESOLUTION

No. 16-13

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHOOSE PEACE – STOP VIOLENCE WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2015  
CHOOSE PEACE ACROSS BROWARD DAY  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, violence and risky behaviors have become a serious problem in our communities and society at large with great implications for the well-being and future of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, feelings of hurt, frustration, shame, or rejection are key components of bullying and violence escalation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been researched and proven that a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for students' academic achievement and overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, local leaders in government, business and the community, in collaboration with Broward County School Board personnel, have committed to work towards the elimination of youth violence and conflict in our community, as well the enhancement of inclusive environments conducive to academic success and overall student well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools, in coordination with numerous local partners, has joined to support Choose Peace – Stop Violence Week as an annual week of educational activities aimed at preventing or reducing youth violence of all kinds while providing schools and communities with the tools, resources, and inspiration to launch an ongoing campaign to eliminate youth violence in Broward County;

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

**CHOOSE PEACE – STOP VIOLENCE WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2015  
and declares SEPTEMBER 23, 2015 as  
CHOOSE PEACE ACROSS BROWARD DAY**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to create a safer, peaceful and non-violent community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Donna P. Korn, Chair

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# RESOLUTION

No. 16-14

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH  
September 2015**

**Whereas**, the library card is the most important school supply of all;

**Whereas**, school and public libraries play an important role in the education and development of children;

**Whereas**, school and public libraries bridge the learning gap by offering a wide range of digital and print resources;

**Whereas**, school and public libraries offer free access to technology and innovative educational programming;

**Whereas**, school and public libraries continue to transform and expand their services in ways that meet the needs of the communities they serve;

**Whereas**, a free library card is the coolest card you can own;

**Whereas**, be it resolved that Broward County Public Schools and Broward County Library proclaim September as Library Card Sign-up Month and encourage everyone to sign up for the "smartest card" @ your library.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims the month of

**September**

**LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction and the Broward County community to promote the benefits of having a library card.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

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*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-15

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2015**

**AS A**

**PATRIOTIC OBSERVANCE: A DAY TO REMEMBER**

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, recognizes the importance of a Patriotic Observance in honor of those who died during the tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Patriotism is a part of all the character traits adopted by the School Board, and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board joins in the celebration of the great country and all its resolve; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board understands its role in educating students to demonstrate responsibility, citizenship, respect, kindness, and tolerance in a fair democratic society; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims Friday, September 11, 2015, as a day for Patriotic Observance.

## **A DAY TO REMEMBER**

The School Board of Broward County, Florida encourages all citizens of this great country to pause for a moment of silence to honor those who died during this tragic event.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

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# RESOLUTION

No. 16-16

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONSTITUTION DAY**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, on September 17, 1787 members of the Constitutional Convention signed the final draft of the United States Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Law 108-447, the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2005 is currently federal law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 111 of Public Law 108-447 details the requirements of a national Constitution Day; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 111 requires that Constitution Day be held on September 17 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 111 requires that when September 17 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, Constitution Day shall be held during the preceding or following week; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 111 states that all educational institutions receiving funds from the Federal Department of Education are required to comply by implementing an educational program pertaining to the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County, Florida is an educational institution receiving funding from the Federal DOE;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with Public Law 108-447, Section 111, of the Consolidated Appropriation Act, 2005 declares

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Constitution Day**

and calls for all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



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# RESOLUTION

No. 16-17

**Resolution In Support of Celebrate Freedom Week**

**September 21-25, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the state government of Florida has created Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requiring the last full week of school in September to be "Celebrate Freedom Week"; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requires three hours of appropriate instruction in each social studies class, as determined by the school district, which shall include an in-depth study of the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requires that during Celebrate Freedom Week public school principals and teachers, at the beginning of the day or in homeroom, conduct an oral recitation of a portion of the Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS**, we are a country of freedom for all, no matter our differences in race, ethnicity, culture, gender, or ability; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the freedoms that Americans have which is why so many people from so many different countries want to come to our country to live; and

**WHEREAS**, It is our freedoms that have allowed us to work through our differences and remain united as a country for over 200 years; and

**WHEREAS**, to honor the freedoms of our country, we thank our leaders and remember that freedom is not guaranteed in all countries around the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the state of Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 hereby declares

**September 21-25, 2015**

**CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK**

and calls for all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-18

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Broward County is a tapestry of many cultures, each with its own traditions, woven together to form the heart and soul of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, a part of this multicultural tapestry is the pride of the Hispanic heritage, a deep commitment to family and community, and a strong work ethic, evident in Hispanic contributions to our economy, history and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hispanic community is made up of a various traditions representing twenty countries joined together through the Spanish language; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to preserve the richness of this culture and to foster mutual respect and understanding among all peoples, this state and the nation have set aside an entire month of recognition, celebration and appreciation to be known as Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the various Hispanic organizations within the community will celebrate Hispanic Heritage with the full cooperation and support of the many Hispanic businesses in Broward County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other governmental bodies, agencies, organizations and businesses, hereby extend its support to the concept and the intent of Hispanic Heritage Month to be celebrated from

**SEPTEMBER 15-OCTOBER 15, 2015**

and urges all schools, departments and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance through various projects, programs and celebrations.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-19

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH ACROSS  
BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA  
October 2015**

WHEREAS, according to the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS), approximately one in every 691 children is born in the United States with Down syndrome, the most common chromosomal condition, representing approximately 6,000 births per year; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Health, approximately one and every 796 children is born with Down syndrome in Florida; and

WHEREAS, there are over 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States who are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles in our communities; and

WHEREAS, despite research and early intervention that have resulted in dramatic improvements in the lifespan and potential of those with Down syndrome, more investigation is needed into the causes and treatment of Down syndrome, and ways to improve quality of life; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Down syndrome should have equal opportunity to reach their fullest potential, be included in their communities, take pride in their achievements and aspire to fulfill their hopes and dreams; and

WHEREAS, since the 1980s, the President of the United States has proclaimed the month of October to be "National Down Syndrome Awareness Month" to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the National Down Syndrome Awareness Month for the month of October across all Broward County Schools will provide the opportunity for students and the public to raise awareness about Down syndrome and celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of people with Down syndrome.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby proclaim the month of October 2015 as:

**Down Syndrome Awareness Month**

and encourage our citizens to work together to promote respect and inclusion of individuals with Down syndrome.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

16-20  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
DISABILITY MENTORING DAY - OCTOBER 21, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, more than one million people with disabilities have entered the labor force since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990; and

**WHEREAS**, taxpayers, consumers, and workers, people with disabilities are contributing to our society and to their own fulfillment of the American dream; and,

**WHEREAS**, new generations of young people with disabilities are growing up in Broward County, Florida, graduating from high school, going to college, and preparing to participate in the workplace; and,

**WHEREAS**, job seekers with disabilities, regardless of age, are striving to attain economic independence through self-sufficiency and gainful employment; and,

**WHEREAS**, both students and job seekers with disabilities have the right to maximize their potential by making the most of their intellect, talents, and abilities in an environment free of physical, programmatic, and attitudinal barriers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the month of October was first declared National Disability Employment Awareness Month by the U.S. Congress in 1945 and U. S. Department of Labor supports "Workers with Disabilities: Ready for Tomorrow's Jobs Today"; and

**WHEREAS**, Disability Mentoring Day, planned in conjunction with National Disability Employment Month, provides an opportunity for students and job seekers with all types of disabilities to gain insight into career options by spending part of their day in the workplace "shadowing" an employee as he or she goes through a normal day on the job; and

**WHEREAS**, employers from the private, governmental, and non-profit sectors may benefit from mentoring people with disabilities as a way of learning about the experience of disability, developing lasting relationships with disability community leaders, and recruiting new and emerging talent for meaningful internships and employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, these efforts are made possible through broad partnerships at the national, state, and local level: the American Association of People with Disabilities, supported by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disabilities Employment Policy; the Able Trust, supported by the Florida Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, and chaired by Harris Rosen, President of Rosen Hotels & Resorts; and the Center for Independent Living of Broward, supported by Workforce One, and The School Board of Broward County, Florida, along with private corporations such as Clear Channel Radio, non-profit organizations such as Volunteer Florida and Florida Mentoring Partnership, colleges and universities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Broward County, Florida does hereby proclaim Wednesday, October 21, 2015 as:

**DISABILITY MENTORING DAY**

in Broward County and encourage all citizens to recognize the enormous potential of people with disabilities and to work toward their full integration into the workforce.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# RESOLUTION

No. 16-21

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS WEEKS – OCTOBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the 2008 Legislature created Section 1003.4205, Florida Statutes, Disability History and Awareness Instruction designating the first two weeks in October each year as “Disability History and Awareness Weeks;” and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this intensive instruction is to expand students’ knowledge, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities, the history of disability, and the disability rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recommended that this instruction be integrated into existing school curriculums by qualified school personnel or knowledgeable guest speakers; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals of disability history and awareness instruction include better treatment of individuals with disabilities in society and increased attention to preventing the bullying or harassment of students with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the goals further stress encouragement to individuals with disabilities to develop self-esteem, obtain postsecondary education, enter the workforce and contribute to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools endorses a collaborative educational effort of this nature within the Broward community; and

**WHEREAS**, such collaboration sends a unified message of opportunity and inclusion throughout the state of Florida and contributes positively to improving outcomes for individuals with disabilities,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of Disability History & Awareness Weeks to be celebrated in

**October 2015**

And urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-22

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
LGBT HISTORY MONTH  
OCTOBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBT History Month was created in 1994 by a high school history teacher in Missouri called Rodney Wilson; and

**WHEREAS**, encompassing a number of historically important days, this October is set to remind both the LGBT and wider communities of important roles LGBT people have taken in creating the social, legal and political worlds we live in today; and

**WHEREAS**, all people are created equal and deserve the same rights, privileges, and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, as we recognize the immeasurable contributions of LGBT Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBT students and staff, and we are committed to academic success of all youth and to removing barriers to that end; and we believe that LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2013 GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian Straight Education Network) National School Climate Survey, 8 out of 10 LGBT students report verbal, sexual or physical harassment at school and approximately 30% report missing at least a day of school in the past month out of fear for their personal safety; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBT educators, students and families should be supported to live an affirmative life with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to address LGBT bullying and harassment and educational equity in general through Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9, Policy 1.5-Diversity Committee and through the Non-Discrimination Policy 4001.1; and

**WHEREAS**, a wide variety of community-based organizations and community leaders have partnered with The School Board of Broward County to educate, support and provide resources to promote safe learning environments for all students and families; and

**WHEREAS**, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students are encouraged to take part in LGBT History Month in any way that is most positive and uplifting to their schools and communities; and to coordinate efforts to highlight exemplary role models from the LGBT community; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of LGBT History Month as an effective means of educating and calling to action the citizens of Broward County to work together to promote equal protection of all Broward County students and staff, regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity

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

**OCTOBER 2015  
LGBT HISTORY MONTH**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# RESOLUTION

No. 16-23

**DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the success of any organization is contingent upon a setting where the administration encourages an organization which serves, appreciates, respects and values the variety of differences that exist in a shared community; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in its belief statements outlined that diversity should be promoted so that isolation of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups is avoided; the full benefits of integration are achieved; and education is enhanced in a diverse, inclusive setting; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida believes that educational equity should be promoted to ensure equitable opportunities and resources to meet the needs of all students; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County, Florida actively seeks to promote diversity as an integral part of excellence; and discourages discrimination based on age, race, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, religion, socioeconomic status, sex, sexual orientation and other factors which deny the essential humanity of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida emphasizes the benefits of elevating the performance of the organization by respecting, celebrating and embracing the collective mixture of differences and similarities of our students and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, our behaviors will demonstrate open communication, seeking opportunities to learn, recognize and reward actions that promote acceptance while suspending judgment; and a variety of diversity of inclusion initiatives will be conducted which will highlight these behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, inclusion in the The School Board of Broward County, Florida also means a welcoming, inclusive, open learning and work environment that delivers excellent service and creates a more vibrant and inviting community.

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

**DIVERSITY AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 2015**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-24

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT  
AWARENESS MONTH - OCTOBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, The Governor's Alliance for Employment of Disabled Citizens, Inc., was formed; and

**WHEREAS**, persons with disabilities represent the largest segment of workers who are unemployed; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation has been enacted at state and federal levels to make employment and discrimination against persons with disabilities illegal; and

**WHEREAS**, in its eleventh year, the Florida Governor's Alliance for Employment of Disabled Citizens continues to strive to increase the employment opportunity for Floridians with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's private and public sector workforce is enhanced by the diversity of its employees with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the coordinated efforts of employers, job placement service providers and consumer action groups are the catalysts for expediting employment for Floridians with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, October has been declared National Disability Awareness Month to honor outstanding employees with disabilities, employers of persons with disabilities, and programs which serve as a bridge between employers and jobs-seekers with disabling conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida residents are urged to recognize and celebrate the employment contributions of persons with disabilities and to energize their commitment to building and being a strong, diverse labor force;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the other governmental bodies, agencies, organizations, and businesses, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of **Disability Employment Awareness Month** to be celebrated in

**OCTOBER 2015**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

**RESOLUTION**

No. 16-25

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK  
OCTOBER 12 THROUGH OCTOBER 16, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of Child Nutrition Programs is to safeguard the health and well-being of the children and youth of this nation. These programs are intended to provide nutritional and attractively prepared food at the lowest possible costs; and

**WHEREAS**, child nutrition programs are designed to serve as learning laboratories; for the development of good life-long food consumption habits; and for the improvement and maintenance of health and nutrition education for school children - through nutritionally adequate and educationally sound nonprofit programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been indicated by the United States Department of Agriculture that those who participate in school breakfast and lunch programs are more likely to meet the daily nutritional requirements than those who do not participate; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tufts University has documented evidence that well-fed students have shown improvements in academic performance, absenteeism, tardiness, and disciplinary problems;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of

**October 12 through October 16, 2015**

**As**

**NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**

and urges all parents, students, and staff members to observe this week by promoting good nutritional practices.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-26

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK  
OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 24, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, National Chemistry Week supports the significant contribution of the science of chemistry and the awareness of the importance of chemistry to everyday life; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Chemical Society coordinates the week each year as a community-based program with businesses, colleges and universities, K-12 schools, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 96% of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry, making this an essential part of the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, this year the theme is "Chemistry Colors Our World", showcasing the chemistry of dyes, pigments, and light; and

**WHEREAS**, National Chemistry Week can inform students, teachers, parents, and the general public about the role chemistry plays in enabling innovation in all science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and

**WHEREAS**, providing all students the opportunity to participate in hands-on chemistry and study its applications builds awareness of the importance of chemistry to everyday life; and

**WHEREAS**, October 23 is designated National Mole Day to commemorate the importance of the mole, the basic measuring unit in chemistry; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of October 18, in honor of National Mole Day, is designated as "National Chemistry Week":

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the American Chemical Society, hereby declares and proclaims

**October 18 – 24, 2015**

**NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-27

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF JUMPSTART'S NATIONAL READ FOR THE RECORD DAY OCTOBER 22, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, supporting the mission of the Jumpstart campaign for National Read for the Record Day on Thursday, October 22, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Jumpstart's mission is to work towards the day that every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Jumpstart's annual Read for the Record is one time of the year when millions of individuals come together to celebrate literacy and bring vital attention to the importance of high-quality early childhood education; and

**WHEREAS**, since the launch in 2006, more than nine million people have joined local Read for the Record reading celebrations and Jumpstart has raised more than \$8 million to support its year-round work in preschools in low-income neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 22, 2015 people across the nation will read the children's book Not Norman, by Kelly Bennett, as part of the world's largest shared reading experience.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that early childhood settings throughout Broward County, Florida, will join millions around the nation on **October 22, 2015** in celebration of

**"National Read for the Record Day"**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-28

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK  
OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, this great nation has been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug-free environment; and

**WHEREAS**, local leaders in government, schools, business, and the community know the support of the people in the neighborhoods is the most effective weapon they can use in their efforts to reduce the demand for illegal drugs and drive away the supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Red Ribbon Campaign has been established by the National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth to help create awareness of the drug problems facing every community, and to develop parent and community teams to combat illegal drugs and to promote drug-free lifestyles for the nation's youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign designed to promote drug awareness, drug prevention, and drug education programs and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, in promoting healthy, positive, alternative lifestyles choice, our schools offer scheduled substance awareness programs at each level, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach; and

**WHEREAS**, from October 23 through October 31, 2015, our schools will provide special substance education and activities for all students;

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

**NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK  
OCTOBER 23 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2015**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to achieve a drug-free America.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-29

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK  
NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, all children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education in safe and healthy learning environments that help to develop their sense of belonging; and

**WHEREAS**, children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, school safety, and supporting culturally diverse student populations; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists are specially trained to deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning as well as individual strengths; utilize data-based decision-making; implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies; evaluate outcomes; and improve accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychologists are the school-based experts in children's learning and psychological development who work with educators and parents to improve our schools and ensure that students have safe, supportive, and healthy learning environments to assist them in reaching their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, school psychology week calls attention to the commitment of school psychologists to helping parents and educators foster healthy child development by enhancing the total environment in which children learn and grow.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in connection with the Broward Association of School Psychologists, hereby declares its support of

**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK  
NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our children.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-30

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

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

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Coalition for the Homeless, approximately 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**, approximately 21% of homeless children repeat a grade due to frequent absences from school; and

**WHEREAS**, within a single school year more than 35% 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, 2,239 students were identified as homeless in the 2014-2015 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 often faced by homeless students, yet the number of effective programs providing services and support to homeless youth in Broward County is 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 2015 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, Florida the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-31

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH  
NOVEMBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, diabetes affects nearly 30 million people living with diabetes and another 86 million with pre-diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, the diabetes epidemic is taking a devastating physical, emotional and financial toll on millions of people across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated annual cost of diagnosed diabetes is \$245 billion, representing a 41% increase over a five year period; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 208,000 Americans under age 20 are estimated to have diagnosed diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Diabetes Association priorities for 2015 include: Safe at School program to ensure students with diabetes are medically safe and have access to the same educational opportunities as their peers without diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Diabetes Association priorities for 2015 include: Legislation and regulation to focus on permitting students, who are able to do so, to self-manage their disease and make sure trained school personnel are available to perform routine and emergency diabetes care tasks.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Diabetes Awareness to support this community wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-32

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL FRENCH LANGUAGE WEEK  
NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 2015**

**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 2 - 6, 2015**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-33

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING WEEK  
NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, school bullying, harassment and intimidation greatly reduce a student's ability to both achieve and surpass academic standards, it can directly affect health and well-being, thus contribute to excessive absences, physical illness, mental and emotional anguish, long term social and mental consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying can take physical, verbal, and written forms, including use of electronic media; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying can have a devastating impact on psychological well-being and is a relentless attack on the soul; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying has been connected to increased youth and teenage suicide, also known as "bullycide"; and

**WHEREAS**, incidents of reported school-related bullying in the state and throughout the nation are ample evidence of the need for intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, workplace bullying amongst employees, employers and parents, increase rates of absenteeism, is contrary to maintaining health, safety and well being of those targeted; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying can cause stress for individuals and create poor morale within the workplace, furthermore, is ethically and morally unacceptable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is within the goals of the Broward County School District to provide a healthy, positive and safe learning and working environment for all of the children and adults in our schools;

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

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK  
NOVEMBER 9 THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2015**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners and community leaders to join in this effort to achieve an environment in the school/workplace that is free from bullying.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-34

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK  
November 16 - 20, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, American Education Week was first observed in 1921. The purpose of this observance was to sensitize the American public to the need to improve the quality of education; and

**WHEREAS**, American Education Week is sponsored nationally by the American Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, the National School Boards Association, the American Legion, and the United States Department of Education; and

**WHEREAS**, the strength of this country resides in the free and equal education concept which is an American tradition. This concept supports the fact that the students of today will be this country's future leaders; as such, they must be prepared for a knowledge-based, technologically rich, and culturally diverse 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, American Education Week is our nation's annual salute to the public schools. Hence, this is an opportune time for the entire community to recognize and honor the principals, teachers, support staff members, parents, volunteers and others for the guidance, instruction, assistance, and training they are providing for students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with this state and nation, hereby declares

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK – NOVEMBER 16 - 20, 2015**

and supports this year's pledge:

**"Raise Your Hand"**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that every facility within the jurisdiction of the School Board of Broward County, Florida, is hereby urged to support American Education Week and share in this observance with the entire community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-35

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY NOVEMBER 21, 2015

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 21, 2015, 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 21, 2015 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 21, 2015 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 18th day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-36

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NOVEMBER 21, 2015 AS NATIONAL  
ADOPTION DAY**

Expressing support for the goals of National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month by promoting national awareness of adoption and the children awaiting families, celebrating children and families involved in adoption, and encouraging Americans to secure safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

**WHEREAS**, National Adoption Day is a collective national effort to find permanent, loving families for children in the foster care system; and

**WHEREAS**, both National Adoption Day and National Adoption Month occur in the month of November; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, loving and nurturing families are strengthened and expanded when committed and dedicated individuals make an important difference in the life of a child through adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, over 50% of adoptions in Florida are by a child's former foster parent or other non-relative;

**WHEREAS**, over one third of adoptions are completed by single parents; and

**WHEREAS**, the median length of stay for a child in Broward awaiting adoption is nearly 2 years; and

**WHEREAS**, for the children in Broward County currently waiting for a loving family in which they are nurtured, comforted, and protected, the wait seems endless; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the School Board of Broward County:

- 1) supports the goals and ideals of National Adoption Day;
- 2) recognizes that every child should have a permanent and loving family; and
- 3) encourages the people of Broward County to consider adoption during the month of November and all throughout the year

by hereby declaring

**November 21, 2015 as National Adoption Day**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Donna P. Korn, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. **16-37**

## **Resolution Designating**

**November 2015**

## **National Family Literacy Month**

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Family Literacy Day and encouraging the implementation of Family Literacy programs in preschools, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, community schools, adult centers, libraries, and households throughout the United States;

**WHEREAS**, Beginning National Family Literacy Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>, parent-child literacy activities will be encouraged throughout the month;

**WHEREAS**, Family Literacy's mission is to support the belief that all children are born ready and willing to learn, and parents are their children's first teachers;

**WHEREAS**, Parents' literacy skills and their attitudes about learning have an immense impact on their children's academic achievement, thus Family Literacy services help families form learning partnerships that end the cycle of poverty and undereducation;

**WHEREAS**, Family Literacy is a research-based, intergenerational approach that improves the literacy, language and life skills of both parents and children;

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools has one of the oldest Family Literacy sites in the nation, which opened at Charles Drew Family Resource Center in 1992, and now Family Literacy services are offered at over 20 locations in Broward County;

**WHEREAS**, More than one million families nationwide have made positive educational and economic gains as a result of participating in Family Literacy Programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, will join communities across the United States in encouraging citizens to learn more about the importance of Family Literacy and the services offered by the Broward County Public Schools' adult centers and community schools by participating in

## **National Family Literacy Month**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

**RESOLUTION**

No. **16-38**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NURSE PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Nursing Consortium of South Florida is a not for profit member supported association that works to ensure an adequate and culturally competent nurse workforce in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nursing Consortium of South Florida and its member organizations have a long history of close collaboration with the Broward County Public School System; and

**WHEREAS**, the close collaboration has resulted in many opportunities for students, teachers, and school staff to learn about career opportunities in the nursing profession; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1999 the Nursing Consortium of South Florida's Day in the Life of a Nurse program has provided many hundreds of high school students throughout South Florida with structured access to the challenging and rewarding work of nurses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nursing Consortium of South Florida's Day in the Life of a Nurse program has been most effective in inspiring students in the Broward County Public School System to pursue careers in nursing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2015 as

**Day in the Life of a Nurse Day**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-39

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK – DECEMBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools is committed to providing an education in schools and classrooms that are welcoming and capable of educating all children; and

**WHEREAS**, EDUCATORS of Broward County Public Schools recognize that EACH CHILD is UNIQUE, LEARNS DIFFERENTLY, and, therefore, LEARNS BETTER if teaching is TAILORED TO THEIR ABILITIES and INTERESTS; and

**WHEREAS**, EDUCATORS and FAMILIES of Broward County Public Schools have been working hard to ensure that our classrooms and schools are characterized as being high performing and inclusive; and

**WHEREAS**, by their efforts to make our schools and classrooms high performing and inclusive, the EDUCATORS and FAMILIES of Broward County Public Schools have contributed significantly to building a stronger and more inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS**, EDUCATORS and FAMILIES of Broward County Public Schools deserve to celebrate their successes and wish to reflect on how they might even further improve;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Broward County Public Schools join with the Inclusive Schools Network, EDC, and schools, districts, and communities around the world in declaring the week of December 7-11, 2015, as **INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK™** and encourage schools and classrooms across Broward County to sponsor appropriate learning and community-building activities in its recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of Inclusive Schools Week to be celebrated in

**December 2015**

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-40

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WORLD AIDS DAY  
December 1, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, according to estimates from the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, there are now over 35 million people throughout the world living with HIV, including 3.2 million children under the age of 15; and

**WHEREAS**, HIV is a threat to men, women and children on all continents around the world and is the leading cause of mortality among women of reproductive age; and

**WHEREAS**, WHEREAS, Florida ranks 1st in the nation for number of newly diagnosed HIV infection cases in 2013; Fort Lauderdale Division ranks 2nd among MSAs/Divisions (metropolitan statistical areas) with the highest HIV infection case rates diagnosed in 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Health, 106,335 Floridians are living with HIV/AIDS, Broward County is the home to 17,248 people living with HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, over 5,821 people were reported to be newly infected with HIV in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Health, Florida ranks second in the number of pediatric AIDS cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County, Florida recognizes the significant local impact with 702 youth between the ages of 0 and 24 are living with HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day was established in 1988 after a summit of health ministers from around the world called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater exchange of information on HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1 and provides an opportunity for individuals and communities to take action and help educate on HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has joined other agencies and community leaders in an effort to increase awareness, provide education about HIV/AIDS and demonstrate compassion for those affected by HIV

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with the Broward County Health Department, parent groups, and other local, state and national organizations, hereby declares its support of

**WORLD AIDS DAY  
DECEMBER 1, 2015**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-41

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL COMPUTER  
SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK  
DECEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 13, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, National Computer Science Education Week supports the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools; and

**WHEREAS**, computing technology is transforming how people interact with each other and the world around them; and

**WHEREAS**, computer science innovation is creating new careers and supporting established economic sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, there is an exponential projected job growth in computing-related careers in the next decade; and

**WHEREAS**, National Computer Science Education Week can inform students, teachers, parents, and the general public about the role computer science plays in enabling innovation in all science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and

**WHEREAS**, providing all students the opportunity to participate in an hour introduction to computer science and programming exposes them to the opportunities and critical thinking skills for success in school; and

**WHEREAS**, Grace Hopper, one of the first females in the field of computer science, was a pioneer in the field; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of December 9, in honor of Grace Hopper's birthday, is designated as "National Computer Science Education Week":

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the Computer Science Teachers Association, hereby declares and proclaims

**December 7 – 13, 2015**

**NATIONAL COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION WEEK**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-42

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS DAY  
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, humanity thrives because of our differences and the exchange of ideas among vibrant cultures is a source of innovation, beauty and vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, all women and men across borders and regardless of race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity or income level share the freedoms of expression, religion, assembly and association; and

**WHEREAS**, we all have the right to take part in government, directly or through freely elected representatives; and as societies, we have the right to choose our own destiny; and

**WHEREAS**, all people are created equal and deserve the same rights, privileges and opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, this month, the President of the United States of America hereby proclaims December 10, 2015 as Human Rights Day; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida is committed to academic success of all youth and to removing barriers to that end; and we believe all people should honor one another's human rights and live a safe, nurturing life; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to address bullying and harassment and educational equity in general through Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9, Human Relations Committee Policy 1.51 and through the Non-Discrimination Policy 4001.1; and

**WHEREAS**, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students are encouraged to take part in Human Rights Day in any way that is most positive and uplifting to their schools and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of Human Rights Day and Human Rights Week as an effective means of educating and calling to action the citizens of Broward County to work together to promote equal protection of all Broward County students and staff and all individuals across the globe because of our common and unalienable rights that bind us as one;

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

**HUMAN RIGHTS DAY  
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

RESOLUTION

No. 16-43

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH  
JANUARY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the superintendent has prioritized mentoring as a proven strategy to address the challenges faced by all students and has implemented the Minority Male Mentoring initiative to address the specific challenges faced by African American and Hispanic young men; and

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

**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors, and encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for Broward County's youth through mentoring; and

**WHEREAS**, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and

**WHEREAS**, quality mentoring encourages positive life choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that young people who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, 81 percent more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team, and 78 percent more likely to volunteer in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, proclaims January 2016 as National Mentoring Month, and call upon the people of Broward County to recognize the importance of mentoring to improve the lives of all students with emphasis on 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.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-44

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH  
JANUARY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, among the myriad of ethnic groups that have passed through Florida since 1513, Jews are notable for remaining in the state and retaining and asserting their ethnic identity; and

**WHEREAS**, like other ethnic groups, Jews have actively participated in shaping the destiny of Broward County by bringing their visions for freedom and democracy and their creativity, thus leaving their footprints across the county and the state; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Jewish History Month is a time to focus on the tremendous contributions Broward Jews have made in every area of the development of the county;

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

**FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH  
JANUARY 2016**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to support this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-45

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL  
VOTER REGISTRATION WEEK  
January 18- 22, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the state government of Florida has created Florida Statute 98.255 requiring Supervisor of Elections offices to hold voter registration drives to increase voter participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the state government of Florida has created Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.033 requiring Supervisor of Elections offices to appear in each public high school in the county at least once per year; and

**WHEREAS**, high school seniors locally and across the country have shown great initiative and promise for America's future; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving America's democratic foundation has always been demonstrated on election days through our voting rights and responsibilities as citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing relationships with organizations such as Kids Voting Broward and BCASC (Broward County Association of Student Councils) will increase awareness and participation; and

**WHEREAS**, youth participation in the voting process is necessary for a stronger voice on issues pertaining to that specific age group; and

**WHEREAS**, voter registration and education as a proactive approach may strengthen chances for success on election days;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in support of the State of Florida Statutes Section 98.255 and Florida Administrative Code Rule 1S-2.033 hereby declares

**January 18- 22, 2016**

**High School Voter Registration Drive Week**

and calls for all high schools within its jurisdiction to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-46

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NO NAME-CALLING WEEK  
JANUARY 18 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, violence, disrespect and bullying have become serious problems in our communities and society at-large with great implications for the well-being and future of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, name-calling is a key component of bullying and violence escalation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been researched and proven a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for students' academic achievement and overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, local leaders in government, business and the community in collaboration with Broward County Public Schools personnel have the ability to work towards the elimination of name-calling, bullying and disrespect, as well as overall student well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools, Florida in coordination with numerous national and local partners, has joined in the support of No Name-Calling Week as an annual week of educational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, No Name-Calling Week is aimed at ending name-calling and bullying of all kinds, while providing schools with the tools, resources and inspiration to launch an ongoing campaign to eliminate name-calling and bullying in our society;

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

**NO NAME-CALLING WEEK  
JANUARY 18 THROUGH JANUARY 22, 2016**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to join in this effort to create a safer and a more respectful society.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-47

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA!  
January 25 -29, 2016**

**Whereas**, Just Read, Florida! promotes literacy throughout the state by state by raising awareness of the programs and projects offered by the Florida Department of Education and its partner agencies and organizations; and

**Whereas**, January 25 -29, 2016 has been designated as "Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!" by the Just Read, Florida! Office in the Florida Department of Education; and

**Whereas**, the Florida Literacy Coaches Association (FLCA) proposed the idea of celebrated literacy in Florida with a week dedicated to this purpose; and

**Whereas**, The Just Read, Florida! Office, along with other representatives from the Florida Department of Education, developed possible activities for students, teachers, and schools centered on the theme of celebrating literacy; and

**Whereas**, Community partners have joined FLCA, the Florida Department of Education and Just Read, Florida! to promote literacy in our state; and

**Whereas**, schools across the state are participating in a contest to develop a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to promote and celebrate literacy in the state of Florida;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims the week of

**January 25 - 29, 2016**

**CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK, FLORIDA**

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction and the Broward County community to participate in the celebration of literacy.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-48

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
HOLOCAUST INTERNATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY  
JANUARY 27, 2016**

**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, especially at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp; 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**, over half a century after the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, and 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

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOLOCAUST INTERNATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY  
JANUARY 27, 2016**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-49

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Negro History Week originated in 1926 from an idea which was conceived by Carter G. Woodson, a black historian who was known as the 'Father of Black History'; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of National Negro History Week was to emphasize the significance of the historical experiences of Black Americans—their advancements, struggles triumphs, contributions and successes. During the 1960's, the observance was expanded and became known as Black History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the rich history and heritage of African Americans is documented in the fields of education, medicine, science, music, art, dance, architecture, drama, athletics, entertainment, politics, religion, engineering, technology and many other fields. This rich cultural and historical background has given inspiration and has provided identity for African Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Black History Month is an annual observance wherein attention is focused on the significant and numerous achievements of African Americans, their many contributions to the growth and development of this country and their past and current status in this country and the world; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in conjunction with other organizations and groups throughout the United States, hereby declares and proclaims the month of **February, 2016** as

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

16 - 50

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH  
IN  
BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
February 1 - 28, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, citizens from all walks of life are giving gifts of their time, talents and resources, which are essential to the educational process in Broward County Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, working under the guidance of teachers and administrators, community members, including parents, business and community partners, mentors, retired and senior residents, governmental agencies and student community service volunteers, is of valuable assistance in providing students with the individualized attention that is so essential to their education; and

**WHEREAS**, members of volunteer organizations and educational committees, including but not limited to, Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), School Advisory Council (SAC), School Advisory Forum (SAF), Parent Involvement Communication Council (PICC), as well as the many specific focus advisory committees, clubs and organizations provide a basis for a continuing commitment to school improvement by increasing the involvement of the community in the classrooms and schools of Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2014-2015 school year, more than 42,000 school volunteers of various ages, interests and backgrounds donated nearly 473,967 documented hours to the extension and enrichment of the education of our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida acknowledges the importance of the contribution made by volunteers by proclaiming February as Florida School Volunteer Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Broward County, Florida wishes to recognize the value and dedication of those who aid in guiding the education of our students by proclaiming the Month of February as

**School Volunteer Appreciation Month**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to convey their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the valuable contributions made by the community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-51

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HEART HEALTHY MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, heart disease kills an estimated 630,000 Americans each year. It's the leading cause of death for both men and women. In the United States, the most common type of heart disease is coronary artery disease (CAD), which can lead to a heart attack. You can greatly reduce your risk for CAD through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medication; and

**WHEREAS**, uncontrolled High Blood Pressure is a leading cause of heart disease and stroke. In fact, more than 67 million Americans have high blood pressure. People with high blood pressure are four times more likely to die from a stroke and three times more likely to die from heart disease, compared to those with normal blood pressure; and

**WHEREAS**, heart disease is the number one killer of women, causing one in three deaths each year. That is approximately one woman every minute; and

**WHEREAS**, February 19, 2013 — A new study shows women's heart disease awareness is increasing, with the number of women aware that heart disease is the leading cause of death nearly doubling in the last 15 years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Heart Healthy Month to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

**RESOLUTION**

No. 16-52

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
NATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA MONTH  
FEBRUARY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools established Magnet programs in their district more than 30 years ago to provide equity, access and opportunity for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools currently operates Magnet programs in 55 schools across the district impacting 44,000 students of all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnet programs offer educational excellence consistent with the School Board's Strategic Plan Goals, in order to ensure that all students will achieve at their highest potential, with equitable resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Magnet programs expand educational choices for students, promote diversity within schools, set high expectations for all students to improve student achievement, prepare students for further education and the world of work, develop positive school climates with academic emphasis, provide real-life and hands-on experiences, offer mentorship and internship opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools Magnet schools have been recognized as National Schools of Excellence and Merit by the Magnet Schools of America; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, recognizes the month of February as National Magnet Schools of America Month and urges all schools, centers, departments, parents, businesses, governmental and community agencies and the entire community to join in this recognition.

**FEBRUARY**

**as**

**NATIONAL MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA MONTH**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-53

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ENGINEERS MONTH  
FEBRUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Engineers use their scientific and technical knowledge and skills in creative and innovative ways to fulfill society's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Engineers face the major technological challenges of our time – from rebuilding towns devastated by natural disaster, cleaning up the environment, and assuring safe, clean, and efficient sources of energy, to designing information systems that will speed our country into the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Engineers are encouraging our young math and science students to realize the practical power of their knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, We will look more than ever to engineers and their knowledge and skills to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century; and

**WHEREAS**, Engineers Month can inform students, teachers, parents, and the general public about the role engineering plays in enabling innovation in all science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools is an official national PBS NOVA Making Stuff Outreach Site; and

**WHEREAS**, The Broward County Science and Engineering Fair will be held February 4-7, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the week of February 21-27, is designated as "DiscoverE: National Engineers Week";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the National Engineers Week, hereby declares and proclaims

**February 1-29, 2016**

**ENGINEERS MONTH**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

**RESOLUTION**

No. 16-54

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK  
FEBRUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 5, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive and developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the education process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the American School Counselor Association, hereby declares and proclaims

**February 1 – 5, 2016**

**NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-55—

**FLORIDA ROAD SAFETY & TEENAGE SAFE DRIVING  
AWARENESS WEEK – FEBRUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 5, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, public awareness of the hazards of impaired and distracted driving has been increased through the collaborative efforts of the state government and national organizations and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the State of Florida appreciate the local citizen activist groups such as The Dori Slosberg Foundation, Driver Education Programs in Florida's Schools, the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, and the Florida Department of Transportation who help promote driver and passenger safety; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of drivers and passengers lose their lives each year as they travel on our nation's roadways and the largest number of injury crashes involved reports of some sort of driver distraction (NHTSA); and

**WHEREAS**, the suffering caused by dangerous or distracted driving touches the lives of countless families and needless emotional anguish from these tragedies far exceeds any dollar amount associated with crashes and fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, every individual makes a strong commitment to preventing the loss of life by practicing safe driving practices and reminding others to be sober, drug free and safe on the road; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby officially proclaims February 1-5, 2016, as **FLORIDA ROAD SAFETY & TEENAGE SAFE DRIVING AWARENESS WEEK**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-56

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY  
FEBRUARY 5, 2016**

**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 5, 2016**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. ~~16-57~~

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL LEARNING DAY  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" is a national observance sponsored by the Alliance for Excellent Education through the Center for Digital Learning and Policy; and

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" has provided a powerful venue for education leaders to highlight great teaching practice and showcase innovative teachers, leaders and instructional technology programs that are improving student outcomes;

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" encourages all administrators, teachers, librarians, media specialists, principals, parents and community members from public, private, charter, and home school settings to share what they learned; and

WHEREAS, Digital learning encompasses many different facets, tools and applications to support and empower teachers and students in the learning experience; and

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" provides a venue for education leaders to highlight teaching practices, instructional technology programs, educational software and mobile apps that improve student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, "Digital Learning Day" promotes the effective use of modern-day tools afforded to every other industry to improve the learning experience in K-12 public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims February 17, 2016

**DIGITAL LEARNING DAY**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-58

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH – MARCH 2016**

**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of many of the movements and advances of humankind, women have played vital roles in their development. Women have been instrumental in helping to shape and define the various themes in the history of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, women of every race, class and ethnic background have played many significant roles in the various societies throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, in many recorded and unrecorded circumstances, American women have contributed greatly to the forward and positive movement of this country. However, in spite of these numerous contributions and achievements in American history, the role of women has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the aggregate of past events; and

**WHEREAS**, on the local level, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Women's History Coalition are providing a valuable service to the community through their purposes and programs. These groups, along with others, are working to expand the focus of history in order for society to gain a better understanding of and a deeper appreciation for the contributions of women to American and world history; and

**WHEREAS**, within our school system, the contributions and achievements of women are incorporated in our curriculum. This is in keeping with the national and the State of Florida's goal of promoting a more equitable portrayal of women in United States history.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the Broward County Women's History Coalition, the Broward County Commission on the Status of Women and other organizations and groups, hereby declares and proclaims the month of **March, 2016** as

**WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction, and all citizens and residents of Broward County to join in this national observance which bears the theme:

**"Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination"**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-59

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK MONTH MARCH 2016 AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK MARCH 6 - 12, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, children are our principal resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, a vital concern of our school system is to enable our youth to receive an education and grow up to lead productive, satisfying and independent lives; and,

**WHEREAS**, since 1906, school social workers have collaborated with teachers, and other school personnel in advancing the purpose of education; and,

**WHEREAS**, school social workers serve as a link between school, home and community; and,

**WHEREAS**, school social workers combine skill in dealing with people and knowledge of social, cultural and economic issues affecting students and schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, school social workers help students who are at risk of failure because of social and emotional problems, family dysfunctions, drug and alcohol abuse, inadequate financial resources, teen pregnancy, poor attendance, disabling conditions and/or child abuse.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in recognition of the role school social workers play in providing opportunities for maximizing students' performance towards a productive and satisfying life, proclaim March 2016 and the week of March 6-12, 2016 as:

### **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK MONTH AND SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK**

and urges the entire community to join the School Social Work Association of America, the Florida Association of School Social Workers, The Broward County School Social Work Association, and the Florida Chapter of the National Association of School Social Workers in celebrating this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

### **THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-60

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL WORLD LANGUAGES WEEK MARCH 7 - 11, 2016**

**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

### **WORLD LANGUAGES WEEK March 7 - 11, 2016**

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-61

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
ABOVE THE INFLUENCE 2016 YOUTH RALLY MARCH AND INITIATIVE  
MARCH 11, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign conducted by the Office of National Drug Control Policy in the United States was authorized by Congress to reduce and prevent teen drug use; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign re-launched the Above the Influence youth brand with broad messaging at the national level as well as more targeted efforts at the local level; and

**WHEREAS**, results from the Campaign's tracking study consistently show that more than 85 percent of teens are aware of Above the Influence and more than three-quarters of teens say the Above the Influence message speaks to someone like them-regardless of race, gender or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Campaign recognizes that community prevention efforts are vitally important in the commitment to deter teens from making decisions that place them at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida is committed to engaging youth in positive activities by providing opportunities for them to have a voice within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida supports the development and expansion of positive influences for keeping students safe; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to promote students to be Above the Influence from negative pressures by developing and supporting policies, procedures, curriculum and pro-social clubs addressing, bullying, bias, alcohol, drugs, gang activity, violence, teen pregnancy, dating, relationships, safety and security, and other risky behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Above the Influence 2016 Youth Rally March will afford school staff, students and community members to come together to show their commitment to ensuring safer schools and safer communities for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, the Above the Influence 2016 Youth Rally March will be a youth led event launching a true on-going community initiative with local Campaign partners representing chapters and affiliates from across Broward; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of the Above the Influence 2016 Youth Rally March as an effective tool in promoting positive influences for all Broward County students; and

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

**ABOVE THE INFLUENCE 2016 YOUTH RALLY MARCH AND INITIATIVE**

Given in Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-62

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL PI DAY  
MARCH 14, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, National Pi Day supports the increased understanding of the symbol ( $\pi$ ) and its meaning; and

**WHEREAS**, Pi, an irrational number, represents the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter; and

**WHEREAS**, Pi is a recurring constant that has been studied throughout history and is central in mathematics as well as science and engineering; and

**WHEREAS**, The symbol Pi has been used regularly in its mathematical sense only for the past 250 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Albert Einstein was born on Pi Day in 1879; and

**WHEREAS**, Pi has about 6.4 billion known digits which would take a person roughly 133 years to recite without stopping; and

**WHEREAS**, America needs to reinforce Mathematics and Science education for all students in order to better prepare our children for the future and in order to compete in a 21st Century economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Mathematics and Science can be a fun and interesting part of a child's education, and learning about Pi can be an engaging way to teach children about geometry and attract them to study Science and Mathematics; and

**WHEREAS**, Mathematics and Science are a critical part of our children's education, and children who perform better in math and science have higher graduation and college attendance rates:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby declares and proclaims

**March 14, 2016**

**NATIONAL PI DAY**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-63

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2016

**WHEREAS**, April is Autism Awareness Month, across the United States and beyond, the autism community is celebrating its members and holding special events to raise awareness and funding for research; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism Awareness Month, celebrated every year in April, provides an opportunity for families, friends, and local communities to raise public awareness about autism; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism effects one in every 68 children in the United States, and is the fastest growing developmental disability according to the recent estimates from the Centers for Disease Control; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 3,000 students in Broward County Public Schools with Autism Spectrum Disorder and approximately 16,000 throughout Florida with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor has deemed it necessary to sustain an Autism Task Force in the State of Florida to target issues specific to those with autism; and

**WHEREAS**, Autism is a complex developmental disability that affects an individual's social interaction and communication. It is known as a spectrum disorder because it affects each individual in different ways and to varying degrees; and

**WHEREAS**, children and adults with autism tend to have difficulty with verbal and nonverbal communications, social interactions, and leisure or play activities; and

**WHEREAS**, educating children with autism is a challenge for both parents and teachers. These children are individuals first and foremost with unique strengths and weaknesses; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools support quality educational programs which emphasize communication, socialization, structured and sound academics; and

**WHEREAS**, April is deemed as a national month of Autism Awareness.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of Autism Awareness Month to be celebrated in

**April 2016**

and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-64

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APRIL AS MILITARY CHILD MONTH  
APRIL 2016**

**WHEREAS**, The Military Child Month is a special celebration and a legacy of former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and was established to underscore the important role children play in the Armed Forces community; and

**WHEREAS**, According to Military K-12 Partners, today there are more than 1.2 million Military Children, and since 2001 approximately 2 million children have experienced deployment of a parent, and

**WHEREAS**, Care of Military Children sustains our fighting force, and strengthens the health, security and safety of our nations' families and communities. and

**WHEREAS**, the repeated and extended separation and increased hazards of deployment compound stressors in the military children's lives. and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools, have placed an historical role in recognizing and supporting the educational and social emotional needs of the students/military families in the school setting and the community, especially at the difficult time of deployment. and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Student Services through the initiative Embracing Military Personnel and Families Program, has been providing support services since 9/11 to hundreds of students/military families including: honoring events of students/military families, tutorial services, participation in deployment events, sending students' art work and care packages to soldiers in deployment, conducting staff development activities (in partnership with The Military Child Education Coalition and the Department of Veterans Affairs ) to school social workers, family counselors, community liaisons, and teachers; Broward County Public Schools has been highlighted as an example for other educational systems by the military leadership as well as the community. and

**WHEREAS**, Because of the continued support and commitment with the students/military families, Broward County Public Schools have proven that we acknowledge and are sensitive of the sacrifices that these students and their families are doing in behalf of the safety of our nation and recognize that they constitute and example of one of the core values of our educational system: CITIZENSHIP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares April 2015 as

**MILITARY CHILD MONTH**

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

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 18<sup>TH</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-65

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH  
APRIL 2016**

**WHEREAS**, violence in our communities and society has become a serious problem with implications for the future of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, stress resulting from the current national recession is increasing the incidence of family violence; and

**WHEREAS**, family violence is often aimed at defenseless children and, prevention of violence within the family and our schools is a worthwhile goal; and

**WHEREAS**, family violence causes physical, emotional and/or or psychological suffering and impedes individual growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida students have been abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered, and have become victims of homicide resulting from child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools' employees make approximately 1,000 reports of suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect each year; and

**WHEREAS**, we are fully committed to work with families, other caregivers, the Florida Department of Children and Families, the Broward Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies, Broward County government, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and other community agencies and organizations to provide information and resources for the prevention of child maltreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize our unique role in advocating for and providing a positive environment for the growth of children and working to help families and students develop skills to lead productive and satisfying lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares April 2016 as:

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

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

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 18th day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-66

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK  
APRIL 4 THROUGH APRIL 8, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, violence and risky behaviors have become a serious problem in our communities and society at large with great implications for the well-being and future of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, feelings of hurt, frustration, shame or rejection are key components of bullying and violence escalation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been researched and proven a climate of safety and respect within the home and school is essential for students' academic achievement and overall health; and

**WHEREAS**, local leaders in government, business and the community, in collaboration with Broward County School Board personnel, have the ability to work towards the elimination of youth violence and conflict as well the enhancement of inclusive environments conducive to academic success and overall student well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools, Florida in coordination with numerous national and local partners, has joined to support National Youth Violence Prevention Week as an annual week of educational activities aimed at preventing or reducing youth violence of all kinds while providing schools with the tools, resources and inspiration to launch an ongoing campaign to eliminate youth violence in our society;

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

**NATIONAL YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK  
APRIL 4 THROUGH APRIL 8, 2016**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to create a safer and a more respectful society.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-67

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN'S WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD  
APRIL 10-16, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has designated April 10-16 as the 2016 Week of the Young Child;

**WHEREAS**, The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 80,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates;

**WHEREAS**, The purpose for the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs;

**WHEREAS**, NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life;

**WHEREAS**, The Week of the Young Child is a time to plan how we, as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation, will better meet the needs of all young children and their families;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that early childhood settings throughout The School Board of Broward County, Florida, will celebrate Week of the Young Child April 10-16, 2016.

**"Week of the Young Child"**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-68

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE  
APRIL 15, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, in April 1996, the National Day of Silence was created at the University of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, hundreds of thousands of students from more than 9,000 K-12 schools, colleges and universities organized Day of Silence events. These numbers make the Day of Silence one of the largest student-led actions in the United States. The event has drawn significant attention to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) issues in schools over the years; and

**WHEREAS** the national focus of the Day of Silence is to help end LGBT bullying and prevent harassment of students, particularly physical violence and verbal threats; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network's (GLSEN) 2013 School Climate Survey, 30% of LGBT students missed at least one day of school in the past month because they felt unsafe or uncomfortable, 85% of students surveyed were verbally harassed (e.g., called names or threatened) in the past year because of their sexual orientation, and 63.9% because of their gender expression; and

**WHEREAS**, it was also determined a greater number of educators supportive of LGBT students was also associated with higher educational aspiration; and LGBT students in schools with Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) were more likely to feel safe in school than students whose schools do not have a GSA; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida supports the development and expansion of Gay-Straight Alliance Clubs in schools throughout Broward County to nurture and value all identities; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to curtail LGBTQ bullying and harassment in general through the Anti-Bullying Policy of the School Board of Broward County, Florida adopted July 22, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Day of Silence is most effective when schools and students work together to show their commitment to ensure safer schools for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no single way to participate, and students are encouraged to take part in the way that is most positive and uplifting to their school; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of the National Day of Silence as an effective tool in the fight for equal protection of all Broward County students; and

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

**APRIL 15, 2016  
National Day of Silence**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-69

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EARTH DAY  
APRIL 22, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, Earth Day is commemorated each year on April 22 to recommit to the goals of a healthy environment and peaceful, just and sustainable world; and

**WHEREAS**, communities around the world will do their part in promoting public awareness on environmental issues by holding special events to focus on protecting our planet; and

**WHEREAS**, environmental stewardship is an essential part of the science and social studies curriculum; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward Schools are the first district to be recognized as a National Wildlife Federation District Certified Habitat; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward Schools is a 2014 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School District Sustainability Awardee; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward Schools accepts its responsibility to preserve and protect the environment through education, stewardship and community sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, providing all students the opportunity to participate in Earth Day activities and environmental stewardship is an important part of citizenship

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims

**April 22, 2016**

**EARTH DAY**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-70

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF READ-IN WEEK, READING ACROSS  
BROWARD - APRIL 25 - APRIL 29, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, READING ACROSS BROWARD is a district Reading Motivation Project and is designed to encourage students to incorporate reading into their daily activities; and

**WHEREAS**, "READ-IN" WEEK is a part of the READING ACROSS BROWARD project, providing special activities which are to be held during School Library Media Week; and

**WHEREAS**, "READ-IN" WEEK has been planned for the entire community to share in the school system's initiative to provide motivation for students to enjoy and value reading; and

**WHEREAS**, during "READ-IN" WEEK, many elected officials, celebrities, lay citizens, local media and volunteers will join with the school system to encourage and recognize our students as readers through participation in reading, storytelling, presentations, dramatizations, and other forms of motivational activities in support of reading;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims the week of **April 25 through April 29, 2016, as**

**READ-IN WEEK**

and, thereby, impress upon our students the importance of reading; **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, urges all students, employees, citizens, residents, and visitors to set aside special time during this week to read for fun, pleasure, information, or other reasons.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-71

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY - APRIL 27, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the position of administrative professional is unique in the realm of organizational roles and responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in the education profession, administrative professionals have contributed greatly to the overall welfare of the school system; many times, the public's initial contact with the school system is through our administrative professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, on a daily basis, our administrative professionals take great pride in using their numerous skills which are rooted in human relations, communications, verbal presentations, technical knowledge, use of resources and positive personality traits; and

**WHEREAS**, the administrative professionals in our school district are to be commended for the professional manner in which they perform their duties; they put forth every effort, individually and collectively, to assure that our educational system will continue to enjoy prosperity and success;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other school districts, organizations and agencies across the nation, hereby declares and proclaims

**April 27, 2016, as  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' DAY**

and urges all employees within its jurisdiction and the entire community to join in this observance by expressing grateful appreciation to the administrative professionals for their commitment and dedication to the school system.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-72

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH - APRIL 2016

WHEREAS, the quest for knowledge by school students in Florida is stimulated and developed through the use of educational resources and services provided by school library media programs; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide access to a wide variety of necessary educational materials such as books, magazines, audio and video materials, as well as digital resources, such as academic databases, as well as the technology needed to utilize these resources; and

WHEREAS, school library media programs provide learning activities designed to enhance reading motivation and establish the information literacy skills necessary for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the full potential of school library media programs is dependent upon trained certified library media specialists whose professional skills assist teachers and students in effectively using this wide range of information resources; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that special recognition be given to school library media programs and the role of school library media specialists in education throughout Broward County public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares and proclaims the month of **April** as

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AND SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

and encourages all residents to become aware of the contributions made by school library media programs in our schools.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-73

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
El Día de los Niños CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS  
April 30, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, many of the nations throughout the world, and especially within the Western Hemisphere celebrate "El Día de los Niños" on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 2016, as

**El Día de los Niños CELEBRATING YOUNG AMERICANS**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-74

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
MAY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the first Jewish settlers came to this land and sought a place of promise where they could practice their faith in freedom and live in liberty; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the rich history of the Jewish people in America and honor the great contributions they have made to our county, state and country; and

**WHEREAS**, as a nation of immigrants, the United States is better and stronger because Jewish people from all over the world have chosen to become American citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Jewish Americans have achieved great success, strengthened our country, enriched our culture and helped shape our way of life;

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

**JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH  
MAY 2016**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to support this observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-75

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH  
MAY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, asthma affects an estimated 25.9 million people, including almost 7.1 million children, with a total of 3,345 attributed deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, asthma accounts for more than 15 million physician office and hospital outpatient visits and nearly 2 million emergency room visits; and

**WHEREAS**, asthma is one of the most common serious chronic disease of childhood and the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranking cause of hospitalization among children under 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center of Disease Control and American Lung Association strive to encourage and promote the combined efforts of dedicated community-based organizations to reduce the growing burden of asthma on Floridians of all ages in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, children around the country miss approximately 14.4 million school days each year due to asthma and poor asthma outcome can be attributed to race, income level and geographic location; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual health care cost of asthma is approximately \$56 billion dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County seeks to improve asthma management and emergency response, by implementing a comprehensive, cultural competent, age appropriate, results-driven asthma education training program to educate staff, students and parents by partnering with community-based organizations to increase public awareness about asthma and other respiratory conditions and to optimize the quality of life for individuals affected by asthma and other respiratory illness.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Asthma Awareness Month to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-76

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE DAY MAY 6, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, children are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, all students have a right to have their health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

**WHEREAS**, children today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses are professional nurses that advance the well-being, academic success, and life-long achievements of all students by serving on the frontlines and providing a critical safety net for our nation's most fragile; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, parents, and health care providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses support the health and educational success of children and youth by providing access to care when children's cognitive development is at its peak; and

**WHEREAS**, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of School Nurse Day to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-77

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL BOSSES' WEEK  
May 15-21, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, the administration of American schools is one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences in our society. This involves accepting duties and responsibilities with a sense of commitment and dedication to the education profession; and

**WHEREAS**, as society changes, the role of school administrators becomes more demanding and complex. More than ever before, they are being called on to respond to societal issues and participate in various facets of community activities; and

**WHEREAS**, in spite of the daily pressures, the ever-increasing demands, the changing environment, and the numerous obligations and responsibilities, administrators are very sensitive to the needs of others on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to achieve a sound and successful educational program, administrators must set a tone which will produce a stimulating and winning climate. They must communicate a spirit of commitment and cooperation to the staff, students, parents, and community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the National Association of Educational Office Professionals, in grateful recognition of the unselfish and dedicated service provided to the nation's schools, colleges, universities, and communities; hereby declares the week of

**May 15-21, 2016**

**as**

**National Educational Bosses' Week**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:**

Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:**

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-78

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH – MAY 2016  
and  
HAITIAN FLAG DAY – MAY 18, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of Haiti, May has been a month for commemorating Haitian culture, with Haitians across the globe celebrating their achievements and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, this occasion gives our diverse community an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social and economic contributions of Haitians to the United States and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the earthquake that devastated Haiti has brought many students and families to Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a greater awareness of the country of Haiti and the people of Haiti; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools' efforts to provide students with programs and services which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive inter-group relations and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haitian people are heirs to a magnificent and rich heritage which they have shared with others here in Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the Haitian flag was the single most important event that brought together Haitians of all social backgrounds and galvanized their energy for a single task, the independence war; and

**WHEREAS**, May 18, 2015, is set aside to celebrate Haitian Flag Day;

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

**HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH  
MAY 2016**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby extends its support of

**HAITIAN FLAG DAY  
MAY 18, 2016**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction, to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day August, 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-79

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT  
OF THE OLD DILLARD MUSEUM FLORIDA EMANCIPATION DAY MINI-FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, the struggle for equality and justice has been and continues to be a grand inspiration in the hearts, minds and endeavors of people of all races, creeds and colors in the development of nations, cultures and the stability of economic systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the emancipation of people of African descent has been a powerful and provocative lesson in human rights in this state, in our nation, and in the Western Hemisphere; and

**WHEREAS**, in this state, all blacks were emancipated from slavery by the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation, an executive order of President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. Although the order was signed on January 1, 1862, it took nearly two and a half years before it could be fully enforced in the state of Florida. The delay in enforcement was due to fact that this state was able to hold its capitol city as a Confederate state throughout the Civil War that split this nation; and

**WHEREAS**, The Knott House Museum in Tallahassee and the Florida Secretary of State each year re-enacts U.S. Army Brigadier General Edward Moody McCook reading an order on May 20, 1865, that emancipated all blacks in the state as part of re-affirming the state of Florida as a part of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public School's has made notable efforts to preserve and infuse the history of Africans and African- Americans in its curriculum, its classrooms, and in its support of African- American heritage, including its support of the Old Dillard Museum, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the past 25 years as the first public schoolhouse for blacks in Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Old Dillard Museum and a host of its community supporters wish to joyfully recall the opportunities and responsibilities that emancipation afforded to African- Americans in this state, in this nation, and throughout the Western Hemisphere by holding a mini-festival. This mini-festival that will showcase musical arts such as jazz, and the performing arts; and

**WHEREAS**, a Florida Emancipation Day Mini-Festival will be held at Dillard Center for the Arts on Saturday, May 14, 2015, that honors the tradition of giving all people the opportunity to manage their own lives, to choose their own professions, and to enhance the development of their own cultural pursuits.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the Old Dillard Foundation, Inc., the Dillard Center for the Arts, the Florida African- American Heritage Preservation Network, the North Broward and Fort Lauderdale chapters of Links, Inc., and other community organizations, hereby declares and proclaims Saturday, May 14, 2015, as a

**FLORIDA EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION**

and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction, and all citizens and residents of Broward County to join in this statewide observance .

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 18 day of August 2015.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-80

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH  
MAY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, cities and communities across the country are confronted with the issue of one in three children experiencing a mental, emotional, or behavioral health problem before age 18, placing them at risk of academic failure, dropping out of school and reduced socialization; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the School Board of Broward County, Florida to increase student achievement and wellness of all stakeholder groups. Research has shown a direct correlation between student wellness and academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, mental and behavioral health problems are a proven predictor of struggles in academics and disciplinary issues in school; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County has partnered with community agencies to address the needs of students demonstrating mental and behavioral health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the mental and behavioral health of children in our community is the responsibility of all stakeholder groups in Broward County, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares

May 2016 as National Children's Mental Health Month

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

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-81

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**

**May 2016**

**WHEREAS** National Foster Care Month was established more than 25 years ago to—

- (1) bring foster care issues to the forefront;
- (2) highlight the importance of permanency for every child; and
- (3) recognize the essential role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States;

**WHEREAS** all children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home;

**WHEREAS** the primary goal of the foster care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to provide an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and accomplishments of the child welfare workforce, foster parents and caregivers, guardian ad litem, community advocates, educators and mentors and the positive effects they have on children's lives;

**WHEREAS** there are approximately 1300 Broward County children living in foster care;

**WHEREAS** foster care is intended to be a temporary placement, the median length of stay in out-of-home care is approximately 10 months and 30% of children remain in care for more than 12 months;

**WHEREAS** the longer a child remains in foster care the greater the number of placements they experience with 65% of children in foster care more than 2 years experiencing 3 or more placements;

**WHEREAS** there are slightly over 500 licensed foster homes in Broward County, Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That we acknowledge the unique needs of children in the foster care system; and

That we recognize foster youth throughout the County for their ongoing tenacity, courage and resilience while facing life challenges; and

That we honor the tireless efforts of those who work to improve outcomes for children in the child welfare system, and we acknowledge the exceptional alumni of the foster care system who serve as advocates and role models for youth who remain in care; and be it further

That the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares

**May 2016 as National Foster Care Month.**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

16-82

No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BETTER HEARING AND  
SPEECH MONTH – MAY 2016**

**WHEREAS**, communication is the act or process of imparting, transmitting, or interchanging thoughts, opinions or information and as such is a key to survival in a hearing and speaking world; and

**WHEREAS**, in Broward County Public Schools, thousands of students benefit from the special programs which are designed to help them improve their speech, language and hearing abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, many committed and dedicated staff members work diligently with these students to assist them in communicating more effectively; thus contributing to their academic achievement, social and emotional development, and career success; and

**WHEREAS**, among the professional staff members who help to prevent problems and rehabilitate the student with communication disorders are speech-language pathologist, teachers of the deaf/hard of hearing and audiologists; and

**WHEREAS**, these professional staff members are charged with the responsibility of developing and rehabilitating hearing and speech-language skills.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with organizations of and for the deaf/hard of hearing and speech-language impaired hereby declares

**May 2016**

**BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH**

and urges the entire community join in this observance by helping to promote a better understanding of the needs of students with speech, language, and hearing disorders; and by showing appreciation for the contributions of the professional staff members who work so diligently to meet the needs of these students.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-83

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PILATES DAY ~ MAY 2016

**WHEREAS**, First Lady Michelle Obama launched the *Let's Move!* Initiative dedicated to solving the problem of obesity within a generation, so that children born today will grow up healthier and able to pursue their dreams; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Let's Move!* Initiative challenges everyone to take an active role in reducing childhood obesity, including parents and caregivers, elected officials from all levels of government, schools, health care professionals, faith-based and community-based organizations, and private sector companies to ensure a healthy future for our children; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County promotes healthy schools by supporting wellness, good nutrition, and regular physical activity as part of the learning environment. The District supports a healthy environment where children learn and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices. By facilitating learning through the support of good nutrition, healthy food choices available at school, physical activity and health practices, schools contribute to the basic health status of children; and

**WHEREAS**, The Pilates Day mission is to foster the public's appreciation and awareness of the Pilates Method through a network of varied, innovative, and high quality grassroots Pilates events accessible and affordable for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Pilates 4 Youth™ is an initiative of the Pilates Method Alliance originally conceived in 2002. The aim of the initiative is to foster and encourage teaching Pilates to children and adolescents safely and appropriately, taking into consideration the physiological and cognitive stages of development that they undergo; and

**WHEREAS**, Holy Cross Hospital partners in the local community through the Community Outreach Team, which works in partnership with local organizations, community groups and other healthcare professionals to develop a better understanding of local health needs, and facilitate the development of cooperative prevention strategies and improved outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, Holy Cross Hospital and Broward Virtual School launched the Pilates for Growing Healthy Kids Series to improve access to physical activity with Kindergarten through Twelfth grade students utilizing distance learning and experiential learning techniques; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County, the Pilates Method Alliance, Holy Cross Hospital, and Broward Virtual School join in shared goals of providing students with health and wellness opportunities through initiatives that support *America's Move to Raise a Healthier Generation of Kids*.

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

### NATIONAL PILATES DAY MAY 2016

and urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to make this a time to recognize and celebrate putting children on the path to a healthy future.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August 2015.  
**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 16-84

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
INTERNATIONAL WATER SAFETY DAY - MAY 2016

WHEREAS, International Water Safety Day is celebrated to bring awareness to the ongoing drowning epidemic and educate people in becoming safer around the water;

WHEREAS, fatal unintentional drowning is the second leading cause of death for children 1 to 14 years of age, and the sixth leading cause of death for people of all ages;

WHEREAS, an estimated 388,000 people died from drowning, making drowning a major public health problem worldwide and accounting for nearly 10 percent of total global mortality;

WHEREAS, drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional injury death, accounting for 7 percent of all injury-related deaths;

WHEREAS, in Broward County 41 drowning fatalities occurred among children under the age of 5 (*Examiner's Office from 2009 through 11/2014*)

WHEREAS, in Broward County, there are:

- 124,580 residential pools
- 4,250 community pools
- 23 miles of Atlantic coastal beaches
- 165 miles of navigable canals
- 25 miles of intra-coastal waterways
- Countless ponds, lakes, spas, above-ground and portable pools
- An abundance of buckets, garden ponds, bathrooms, and containers in every neighborhood

WHEREAS, water safety education and water safety awareness can help curb the number of drowning fatalities;

WHEREAS, research shows that formal swimming lessons can reduce the risk of drowning by 88 percent among children aged 1 to 4 years old;

WHEREAS, water safety is a life skill that can be taught; and water safety education should be included in primary and secondary school education;

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

INTERNATIONAL WATER SAFETY DAY  
MAY 2016

And urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to make this a time to recognize and celebrate Supporting the goals and ideals of International Water Safety Day.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of August, 2015.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools