



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

**PROCLAMATION**

**In Support of First Responders**

**WHEREAS**, individuals, from 911 dispatchers, law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, as well as faculty, students and teachers, came together as first responders, to aid the public in an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, first responders risk their own safety in the performance of their duties to protect our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are our first and best defense against all emergencies that may threaten our communities, whatever their nature; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are ready to assist others 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are a vital part of every community as they maintain safety and order in times of crisis, and volunteer in our cities and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders are highly trained, specialized workers who contribute their excellent skills for the public good; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 2018 officers responded to the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 17 innocent people lost their lives. Officer Michael Leonard identified and arrested the suspected shooter, who had fled the scene and was still at large; and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the efforts of our Police Departments, and many other first responders, the area was secured and a dangerous individual was taken into custody. The citizens of Broward County owe our first responders a sincere debt of gratitude for their service; and

**WHEREAS**, acts of kindness and appreciation from citizens for first responders provide them with encouragement and support to confront the dangers and uncertainties that they face every day.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

That the Board hereby designates **Tuesday, March 6, 2018**, as

**"FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION DAY"**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2018.

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

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

Nora Rupert  
Chair

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

Robert W. Runcie  
Superintendent