



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 18-102

**WHEREAS**, March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease and encourage screening for early detection to uncover colorectal polyps forming in the colon; and

**WHEREAS**, Colon Cancer, one of the cancers that affects both men and women, is the third leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2018, an estimated 97,220 Colon Cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, and 50,630 people will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have repeatedly demonstrated that a physician's recommendation is the most powerful factor in a patient's decision to receive preventable screening services; and

**WHEREAS**, when nine out of 10 people whose colorectal cancer is found early and receive appropriate medical treatments, are still alive five years later; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, values each of its employees and urges everyone to become educated and proactive in combating this disease, utilizing health coverage available for early annual screenings, if needed; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida believes that the health and well-being of employees are enhanced, as a result of the increased awareness, research efforts towards Colon Cancer, education of screening opportunities, early detection, causes, and effective medical treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, Colon Cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society and its affiliates in Broward County support patients and health care practitioners in education efforts and screening opportunities; and

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

## **COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**March, 2018**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to support wellness education leading to more awareness of Colon Cancer.

Given in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nora Rupert, Chair

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