



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 13-34

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BROWARD HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION

WHEREAS, human traffickers have created an international market for trade in human beings based on high profits and demand for commercial sex and cheap labor, estimated to be a \$32 billion industry affecting 161 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the United States is one of the top three destination countries to which victims are trafficked into modern-day slavery, with South Florida being a main point of entry; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida is dedicated to the right of all children to live a life without intimidation and exploitation, fear and brutality in a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes the need for all members of the educational community to be aware of signs that aid in identifying child victims such as poor nutrition, physical injuries, sporadic school attendance, poor grades, and the psychological effects of exploitation, including helplessness, fear, shame and humiliation, as well as personality and stress disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Human Trafficking Coalition, under the Chairwomanship of Adriane Reese with the Broward Sheriff's Office, and the entire Broward Sheriff's Office under the direction and Command of Sheriff Al Lamberti, are leading advocates for the education, awareness, safety and well being of all community members in working to combat the activities of human traffickers and support the community in working to recognize, identify, and assist to rescue, and restore survivors; and

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

THE BROWARD HUMAN TRAFFICKING COALITION

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents and community leaders to support the Coalition and Broward Sheriff's Office in its efforts to educate our community in recognizing such exploitation; and to eradicate human trafficking in all forms, especially the exploitation and victimization of children.

Given in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 16th day of October 2012.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Ann Murray, Chair

Attest: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools