



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 14-63

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY
NOVEMBER 21, 2013**

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, 2013, 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, 2013 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, 2013 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 5th day of November 2013.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Laurie Rich Levinson, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools