



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 14-64

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY  
NOVEMBER 23, 2013**

WHEREAS, every child deserves a loving, nurturing and permanent home, sadly, more than seven hundred fifty abused and neglected children in the care of the Florida Department of Children and Families are waiting for such a home. These children are not the newborns most people picture when they think of adoption. Generally they are older boys and girls and teenagers who may have unique medical, psychological or physical needs. Adoption gives them a brighter future, brings great joy to the adoptive parents and places fewer demands on social services, and;

WHEREAS, adoption is the permanency plan for more than seven hundred waiting children in Florida, and;

WHEREAS, nearly all of these children have special needs because of physical, mental or emotional disabilities, or because they must be placed as a sibling group, or because they are minorities, or because they are of school age, and;

WHEREAS, these children need extra patience and support to help them overcome previous hardships, and;

WHEREAS, in 2012, more than three thousand children in foster care were placed with adoptive families in Florida, and;

WHEREAS, there are families able and willing to adopt children who have special needs, and;

WHEREAS, it is important to stress that a disability, low income, or unmarried status does not preclude the right to adopt, and;

WHEREAS, children waiting for adoptive parents, and families who have adopted these children, require and deserve community and public agency support, and;

WHEREAS, adopting children from foster care costs little or no money and includes free health care and college tuition, and;

WHEREAS, opening your home and heart to one or more of these children will change your life and theirs in amazing and positive ways forever, and;

WHEREAS, since 2000, National Adoption Day has grown from nine events in its first year to more than 400 events across the United States, including Broward County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support for:

**NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY  
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and urges all schools, centers and departments and the entire community to support this public awareness campaign.

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