



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 14-68

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2014

WHEREAS, arthritis affects nearly 50 million Americans, and 3.3 million adults in Florida; and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of people with arthritis are younger than 65 years; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 300 thousand children under the age of 18 years have some form of arthritis; and

WHEREAS, arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States; and projects that the number of Americans over 18 years who suffer from arthritis will increase to 68 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, arthritis costs Americans 81 billion dollars for direct costs and 47 billion dollars for indirect costs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Arthritis Partnership mission is to encourage and promote the combined efforts of dedicated, skilled individuals and organizations to reduce the growing burden of arthritis on Floridians of all ages, their families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Arthritis Awareness Month to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 17th day of December 2013.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Patricia Good, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools