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**Resolution Proclaiming September 2003
as
Take Your "Parent" to School Month in Florida**

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the State of Florida proclaimed September 2003 as Take Your Dad to School Month in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools wishes to broaden the term "dad" to "parent" which includes the legal parent, guardian or role model of a student; and

WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of a supportive "parent" are less likely to live in poverty, are less likely to drop out of school, are less likely to become involved in delinquent behavior, are at lower risk for teen pregnancy, and are less likely to become involved in an abusive relationship; and

WHEREAS, children who have the benefit of a healthy, active relationship with a "parent" are more likely to be well-adjusted in adolescence and adulthood; and

WHEREAS, parents are increasingly being encouraged by all segments of society to take an active part in their children's activities; and

WHEREAS, children whose parents are not present benefit from a relationship with nurturing and actively involved parent figures, such as grandparents, uncles, aunts, Big Brothers, Big Sisters and mentors, and such role models are increasingly taking an active role in the lives of children whose biological parents are absent; and

WHEREAS, parents who are involved with their children feel better about themselves and have a greater success in their careers and lives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims **September 2003 as Take Your "Parent" to School Month in Florida**, and extends best wishes to all children and their parents for a most enjoyable experience and urges the entire school district to welcome them to participate.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 5th day of August 2003.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Lois Wexler, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Franklin L. Till, Jr., Superintendent of Schools