

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY
SEPTEMBER , 2003**

WHEREAS, grandparents represent our heritage and are essential members of our families and communities and National Grandparent's Day is set aside every year to honor grandparents; and

WHEREAS, the impetus for a National Grandparents Day originated with Marian McQuade, a housewife in Fayette County, West Virginia. Her primary motivation was to champion the cause of lonely elderly in nursing homes and persuade grandchildren to tap the wisdom and experience of their grandparents; and

WHEREAS, former President Jimmy Carter in 1978 proclaimed that National Grandparents Day would be celebrated every year on the first Sunday after Labor Day; and

WHEREAS, National Grandparents Day is a family day for which schools, churches and senior organizations honor grandparents with special events that will enhance intergenerational interaction; and

WHEREAS, National Grandparents Day offers grandparents quality time with their grandchildren, while providing grandchildren an opportunity to share in the history of their family and encourages grandchildren to gain new awareness and respect for older persons; and

WHEREAS, we should not forget "shut-ins" and those in nursing homes who are unable to be with their families or have no families. Every effort must be made to include these people in the mainstream through cards, community projects, and visitations at times other than just holidays; and

WHEREAS, we are very fortunate to have many Foster Grandparents in our schools to help our students with academics and share their wisdom, experience and talents with our students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, supports National Grandparents Day, which signifies a caring spirit that lies within us throughout the year – a spirit of respect for our elders, and urges all schools, centers, churches and the community to participate in activities during the month of September, to celebrate the significant role Grandparents play in shaping the lives of our students and their future, including inviting Grandparents and Foster Grandparents and Adoptive Grandparents to schools to participate in activities with children to recognize the importance of Grandparents in our families and communities.

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