



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 07-91

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND BLUE RIBBON WEEK

WHEREAS, violence in our communities and society has become a serious problem with implications for the future of our children; and

WHEREAS, family violence is often aimed at defenseless children and, prevention of violence within the family and our schools is a worthwhile goal; and

WHEREAS, family violence causes physical, emotional and/or or psychological suffering and impedes individual growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Florida students have been abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered, and have become victims of homicide resulting from child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools' employees made over 1,100 reports of suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect in 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, we are fully committed to work with families, other caregivers, the Department of Children and Families, the Broward Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies, Broward County government, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and other community agencies and organizations to provide information and resources for the prevention of child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, we recognize our unique role in advocating for and providing a positive environment for the growth of children and working to help families and students develop skills to lead productive and satisfying lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares April 2007 as

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH AND APRIL 16TH THROUGH APRIL 22ND, 2007 AS BLUE RIBBON WEEK

And urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 10th day of April 2007.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Beverly A. Gallagher, Chair

Attest: _____
James F. Notter, Interim Superintendent of Schools