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**Resolution In Support Of
the Seminole Tribe of Florida's 50th Constitutional and
Corporate Charter Anniversary Day
August 21, 2007**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, Florida, recognizes the men, women and children of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., as early residents in what is today known as Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, Florida, celebrates with the Seminole Tribe of Florida its 50th Anniversary of the Constitution and Corporate Charter signing that won Seminoles federal recognition as a sovereign tribe and nation; and

WHEREAS, Broward County, with more than 1.7 million residents, is a microcosm of the United States of America, with a diverse population representing many ethnic groups, faiths, nationalities and cultures; and

WHEREAS, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools' efforts to provide students with programs and services which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive human relations, and cross-cultural communication are ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Seminole Tribal leaders attained self-government through the formation of a two-tiered government: The Tribal Council to oversee the political and organizational tasks, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. to oversee the business matters of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, when the U.S. Congress officially recognized the unconquered Seminole Tribe of Florida, the Tribe immediately began moving into the mainstream of the federal Indian system; and

WHEREAS, Broward County and the Seminole Tribe of Florida (Hollywood and Coconut Creek) have been strong allies for nearly half a century, united in the belief that democracy, freedom and stability are fundamental to our mutual interests and to peace;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, *hereby extends its support of August 21, 2007 as the Seminole Tribe of Florida's 50th Constitutional and Corporate Charter Anniversary Day in Broward County, Florida, and urges all schools, centers, and departments within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.*

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on this 21st day of August 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Beverly A. Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools