



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 08-69

Resolution In Support of May 1, 2008, as a Day of Universal Reflection

WHEREAS, throughout history there have been crimes against humanity, atrocities, and human tragedies brought on by bigotry, prejudice and hatred; and

WHEREAS, those events have included, but are not limited to:
the attempted genocide of Jews during the Holocaust,
the enslavement of Africans,
the forced removal of Native Americans,
the mass murder of Africans in Rwanda,
the human killing fields of Cambodia,
the world's current human tragedies; and
the tyranny of evil towards the United States on September 11; and

WHEREAS, all concerned citizens should participate in renunciation of these and similar acts against their fellow people, and realize the potential of each of us to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, it is particularly relevant in the aftermath of September 11 to reflect on the need for individual and communal acts of heroism; and

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is the prime way of stopping similar events both today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the teachers, administrators, and all employees of the Broward County School District have a responsibility to educate our youth concerning these events; and

WHEREAS, Thursday May 1st is Yom Hashoah, which means "Day of the Whirlwind," setting aside a day for remembering The Holocaust; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, condemns all such crimes against humanity and related personal hate crimes, hereby declares and proclaims Thursday, May 1st as a

DAY OF UNIVERSAL REFLECTION

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction, and all citizens and residents of Broward County to participate in a moment, on this date, to silently reflect on the atrocities of the past and the present as a means to eliminate the prejudice and hate that leads to crimes against humanity.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18th day of March 2008.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Robin Bartleman, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools