



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 08-86

**Resolution In Support of
Haitian Heritage Month – May 2008
and
Haitian Flag Day – May 18, 2008**

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Haiti, May has been a month for commemorating Haitian culture, with Haitians across the globe celebrating their achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, this occasion gives our diverse community an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social, and economic contributions of Haitians to the United States and the world; and

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

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools' efforts to provide its students with programs and services which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive inter-group relations, and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Haitian people are heirs to a magnificent and rich heritage which they have shared with others here in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Haitian flag was the single most important event that brought together Haitians of all social backgrounds and galvanized their energy for a single task, the independence war; and

WHEREAS, Sunday, May 18, 2008, is set aside to celebrate Haitian Flag Day;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the intent of Haitian Heritage Month to be celebrated in

May 2008

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The School Board of Broward County hereby extends its support of

**Haitian Flag Day
May 18, 2008**

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction, to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 15th day April 2008.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Robin Bartleman, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools