



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 08-87

**Resolution in Support of  
Pledge of Civility  
May 2008**

**WHEREAS**, the open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

**WHEREAS**, as a cornerstone of democracy Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

**WHEREAS**, civility, derived from the Latin words "civitas" meaning city and "civis" meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

**WHEREAS**, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience, and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues, and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, civility can uplift our daily lives and make them more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of The Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the state of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby proclaims its support for

**Civility Month  
May 2008**

and calls upon all citizens to exercise civility toward each other and directs all school departments, and divisions to develop programs to recognize and encourage support of this resolution.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 15<sup>th</sup> day April 2008.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Robin Bartleman, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools