



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 08-97

**2008-2009 Resolution in Support of the City of Hollywood's
"Local Government As Close As It Gets" Education Initiative.**

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood and the School Board of Broward County have been partners working in the best interest of the students and the community; and

WHEREAS, students attending high schools in the City of Hollywood will upon graduation enter into the community with the ability to become full-fledged voting members of society; and

WHEREAS, as young adults they will begin their independent lives and establish homes of their own; and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Richard Blattner recognized a need for students to understand the workings of municipal government, and with the support of Mayor Bober, the Hollywood City Commission and municipal staff, and in partnership with the city's high schools, initiated a program named "Local Government As Close As It Gets"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hollywood personnel, including Vice Mayor Blattner, Mayor Bober, City Manager Cameron Benson and top management staff devote their time as a group to each of Hollywood's public high schools, South Broward High School, Hollywood Hills High School and McArthur High School; and

WHEREAS, the team holds morning-long workshops for the government classes of each school, introducing the types of services cities provide, and educating the students on how to become active citizens with the ability to participate in local government to effect changes; and

WHEREAS, the program concludes with the selection of outstanding government students at each high school who then visit Hollywood City Hall to partake in further discussions with city officials. This visit culminates with the participation of the students at a city commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County, FL recognizes that the City of Hollywood's "Local Government As Close As It Gets" program will enhance the ability of students to serve as contributing members of society in their local communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby recognizes and proclaims its support of

"Local Government As Close as It Gets"

and thanks Vice Mayor Blattner, Mayor Bober and the Hollywood City Commissioners for this innovative and outstanding program benefiting Hollywood students.

Given in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 17th day of June 2008.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Robin Bartleman, Chair

Attest: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools