



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 09-77

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, violence in our communities and society has become a serious problem with implications for the future of our children; and

**WHEREAS**, stress resulting from the current national recession is increasing the incidence of family violence; and

**WHEREAS**, family violence is often aimed at defenseless children and, prevention of violence within the family and our schools is a worthwhile goal; and

**WHEREAS**, family violence causes physical, emotional and/or or psychological suffering and impedes individual growth and development; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida students have been abducted, sexually assaulted, and murdered, and have become victims of homicide resulting from child abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools' employees made over 1,600 reports of suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect in 2007-2008; and

**WHEREAS**, we are fully committed to work with families, other caregivers, the Department of Children and Families, the Broward Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies, Broward County government, the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, and other community agencies and organizations to provide information and resources for the prevention of child maltreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize our unique role in advocating for and providing a positive environment for the growth of children and working to help families and students develop skills to lead productive and satisfying lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares April 2009 as

## NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

And urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2009.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools