



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 09-94

Resolution in Support of Pledge of Civility May 2009

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 2009**

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 21st day April 2009.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools