



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 09-95

Resolution In Support of Barrier Awareness Month May 2009

WHEREAS, it has been stated that five out of six people will be disabled, at some point in their lives. Today, millions of Americans suffer from some form of disability; and

WHEREAS, because of their disabilities, many individuals encounter different kinds of barriers in their daily lives - social, communicative, financial, architectural, technological, cultural, physical, and attitudinal. These conditions make it necessary for the public to understand and appreciate the special needs of individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the first Barrier Awareness observance was held on March 4, 1985. It was designed to promote and enhance positive, realistic images of people who have disabilities, with special emphasis on their abilities and contributions, rather than their disabilities. Further, the intent of this special observance is to increase the public's awareness of the many barriers encountered by disabled individuals in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, once the public becomes aware of the barriers the disabled must surmount and the contributions they can make, it is imperative that support be given to this special population in order for them to live up to their full potential;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the hundreds of organizations and millions of citizens and residents to the United States, hereby declares and proclaims its support for

BARRIER AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2009

and urges all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to observe this month with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of April 2009.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools