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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY AUGUST 31, 2025

NO: 26-03

WHEREAS, this great nation has been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug-free environment; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government, schools, business, and the community know the support of the people in the neighborhoods is the most effective weapon they can use in their efforts to reduce the demand for illegal drugs and drive away the supply; and

WHEREAS, the International Overdose Awareness Day established by the Penington Institute aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce stigma of a drug-related death, and also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day is a global event that spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable; and

WHEREAS, in promoting healthy, positive, alternative lifestyles choice, our schools offer scheduled substance awareness programs at each level, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares its support of August 31, 2025, as

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to achieve a drug-free America.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 22nd day of July 2025.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

APPROVE: _____

Debra Hixon, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent of Schools