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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF FENTANYL AWARENESS AND EDUCATION DAY IN FLORIDA AUGUST 21, 2025

NO: 26-02

WHEREAS, fentanyl is a highly potent synthetic opioid, often mixed with other drugs, which is undetectable by sight, smell, or taste, that is extremely dangerous in small doses; and

WHEREAS, many fake or counterfeit pills are made to look like prescription name-brand opioids, stimulants, or anxiety medications; and

WHEREAS, the Drug Enforcement Administration has observed a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing not less than 2 milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a deadly dose; and

WHEREAS, thousands of lives, including the lives of babies, youth, and young adults, are lost every year due to opioid overdose with unintentional exposure to fentanyl; and

WHEREAS, the pain of addiction and the loss of life due to fentanyl touches every community; and

WHEREAS, increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl is critical to public health & safety and can save lives; and

WHEREAS, National Fentanyl Prevention and Awareness Day is established in remembrance of those lost to illicit fentanyl poisoning and to acknowledge the devastation this drug has brought to hundreds of thousands of affected family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Florida has designated August 21 each year as Fentanyl Awareness and Education Day; and

WHEREAS, August 21st is a day of coordinated response from fentanyl awareness organizations and families impacted by fentanyl to share their lived experiences to warn, educate, and inform the public about the dangers of illicit fentanyl.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby declares its support of this resolution and encourages schools to promote awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and potential overdose, including education on the topic, 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