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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK OCTOBER 20 THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2025

NO: 26-21

WHEREAS, media and technology are increasingly important in the lives of children and teens, bringing both opportunities and risks, as noted by CommonSense.org; and

WHEREAS, according to the Pew Research Center in 2024, most teens use social media and have a smartphone, and nearly half say they are online almost constantly; and

WHEREAS, according to the Cyberbullying Research Center, many schools in the United States and abroad have sought to teach digital citizenship practices to youth of all ages; and

WHEREAS, digital media is driving significant changes to the ways children live and learn, and those changes bring exciting opportunities, such as new career paths and innovative means of self-expression; and

WHEREAS, teenagers have been shown to use an average of seven hours of media daily, not including media use for school or homework; and

WHEREAS, digital media also poses potential dangers, including cyberbullying and exploitation, if not managed appropriately through education or other means; and

WHEREAS, when parents and educators are unaware of what activities are being conducted online, the result can be an increase in cyberbullying and online victimization; and

WHEREAS, when students, parents, and lawmakers work together to ensure children learn how to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly, students can become Digital Citizens who appreciate the responsibility they hold for their choice of content and actions when using the Internet, cell phones, or other digital media; and

WHEREAS, per Technology Usage Policy 5306, it is within the goals of the Broward County School District that technology should play a vital role in meeting the needs of all students in an acceptable and safe manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups, community liaisons and local officials, hereby declares its support of OCTOBER 20 THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2025, as

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners and community leaders to join in this effort to continue to raise awareness and educate teachers, parents and children on how to manage digital media so students can become Digital Citizens who safely and responsibly harness their educational and creative powers to achieve success in the 21st century.

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

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