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RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
FEBRUARY 2027 and
FEBRUARY 15 – 19, 2027 as RESPECT WEEK**

NO: *27-62*

WHEREAS, approximately four million referrals for alleged maltreatment of children are submitted to child protective agencies each year, according to the Resource Center on Domestic Violence: Child Protection and Custody; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, children who witness violence are at an increased risk of becoming direct victims, and childhood exposure to violence is associated with poor school performance and more missed days; and

WHEREAS, the Child Domestic Violence Association reports that one in eight children experience trauma related to domestic violence resulting in brain scans similar to those of veterans returning from combat; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control reports that the effects of unhealthy, abusive, or violent relationships can have short-and long-term effects on adolescents, including increased likelihood that they may commit or suffer violence when they become older; and

WHEREAS, according to Dating Matters, youth between the ages of 11 and 14 do not have the knowledge and skills they need to have healthy, safe relationships before they start dating; and

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Services, Inc. reports that nearly 1.5 million high school students experience abuse from a partner in a single year, but only 33% told someone about the abuse; and,

WHEREAS, Broward County schools has partnered with numerous community agencies to create support and dating violence prevention programming within Broward County schools as well as curriculum to support these efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares **FEBRUARY 2027** as

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH, and declares
FEBRUARY 15 – 19, 2027 as RESPECT WEEK**

and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, parents, and community leaders to join in this effort to create a safer, peaceful, and non-violent community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 28th day of July 2026.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

APPROVE: _____
Sarah Leonardi, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent of Schools

This Resolution is compliant with State and Federal Laws.