



RESOLUTION

No. 24-87

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2024

WHEREAS, Freedom of Religion holds distinction as a cherished right and a foundational value upon which the laws and ethics of the United States are based; and

WHEREAS, Enriched by unparalleled diversity of its residents, Broward County Public Schools take great pride in supporting individual religious freedoms and is strengthened by the many varied cultural traditions of its diverse population, including those of American Muslims; and

WHEREAS, The history of Islam in this country dates back to before its founding, originating with enslaved Africans who brought their Muslim belief with them to the Americas and who later contributed in numerous ways to the founding of the nation, and there are today millions of American Muslims, both immigrants and native-born, of diverse backgrounds and belief; and

WHEREAS, Students in Broward County Public Schools currently represent 208 countries and speak 181 languages. American Muslim students, staff and community are part of this growing diversity; and

WHEREAS, Although American Muslims within Broward County strive to promote peace and understanding between all faiths, identities and nationalities while upholding those values and principles that define the American people, they have nonetheless been forced to endure harassment, assault and discrimination since the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. During the year 2019 alone, there were approximately 176 reported incidents of anti-Muslim violence and vandalism in the United States. It is therefore appropriate to acknowledge and promote awareness of the myriad of invaluable contributions of American Muslims in Broward and across the country, and extend to them the respect and camaraderie every American deserves;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parents' groups and local organizations, hereby declares its support of

AMERICAN MUSLIM HERITAGE MONTH MAY 2024

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 8th day of August 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Lori Alhadeff, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Dr. Peter B. Licata, Superintendent of Schools

The Resolution is compliant with State and Federal Laws.