The “Day of Silence” is a day recognized each April in schools across the country, and now Broward County Public Schools has chosen to recognize the Day of Silence each year through a District wide Resolution! For the 2013-2014 school year the Day of Silence will be celebrated on Friday, April 18, 2014. LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) History Month is a month-long annual observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements. It is observed during October in the United States. Learn more in the Sun-Sentinel news report, “LGBT History Month to be celebrated in Broward…students ecstatic!”

At the Resolution meeting, Broward students Eliana Mor and Leo Washington helped make history speaking in favor of the LGBT history Month Resolution. Eliana Mor stated, “by validating the LGBT History Month through a resolution, not only will students be given the opportunity to learn about major historic events and potential role models, but they will be given a sense of pride and acceptance in their school community. Expanding our curriculum and relating current events to our personal lives will make for a greater academic impact.”

Leo Washington added, “to highlight positive role models for LGBT students and to show everyone that we can all contribute to society regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. There are writers, politicians and artists that we already study in our textbooks who happen to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. All we want is to recognize them for who they are so we can recognize ourselves for who we are and realize that we can all achieve great things.” Join us in celebrating this month long event, access resources and more information at BrowardPrevention.org.