



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 23-22

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH OCTOBER 2022

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ History Month was created in 1994 by a high school history teacher in Missouri called Rodney Wilson; and

WHEREAS, encompassing a number of historically important days, this October is set to remind both the LGBTQIA+ and wider communities of important roles LGBTQIA+ people have taken in creating the social, legal and political worlds we live in today; and

WHEREAS, all people are created equal and deserve the same rights, privileges, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this month, as we recognize the immeasurable contributions of LGBTQIA+ Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBTQIA+ students and staff, and we are committed to academic success of all youth and to removing barriers to that end; and we believe that LGBTQIA+ youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ educators, students and families should be supported to live an affirmative life with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to address LGBTQIA+ bullying and harassment and educational equity in general through Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9, Policy 1.5-Diversity Committee and through the Non-Discrimination Policy 4001.1; and

WHEREAS, a wide variety of community-based organizations and community leaders have partnered with The School Board of Broward County to educate, support and provide resources to promote safe learning environments for all students and families; and

WHEREAS, administrators, teachers, staff, parents and students are encouraged to take part in LGBTQIA+ History Month in any way that is most positive and uplifting to their schools and communities; and to coordinate efforts to highlight exemplary role models from the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of LGBTQIA+ History Month as an effective means of educating and calling to action the citizens of Broward County to work together to promote equal protection of all Broward County students and staff, regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby declares its support of:

**OCTOBER 2022
LGBTQIA+ HISTORY MONTH**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 17th day of August 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Laurie Rich Levinson
Laurie Rich Levinson, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Vickie L. Cartwright
Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright, Superintendent of Schools