



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 22-23

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
LGBT HISTORY MONTH  
OCTOBER 2021**

**WHEREAS**, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Americans have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBT 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 LGBT and wider communities of important roles LGBT 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 LGBT Americans, we renew our commitment to the struggle for equal rights for LGBT students and staff, and we are committed to academic success of all youth and to removing barriers to that end; and we believe that LGBT youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey of Broward County Public High Schools, 40.2% of LGBT students have considered suicide and 20.4% have attempted suicide, and 12.5% of LGBT students report they have been a victim of teasing due to their sexual identity; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has taken appropriate measures to address LGBT 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**, LGBT educators, students and families should be supported to live an affirmative life with dignity and respect; 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 LGBT 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 LGBT community; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida appreciates and recognizes the importance of LGBT 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 2021  
LGBT HISTORY MONTH**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 17th day of August 2021.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY:

Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

ATTEST:

Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright, Interim Superintendent of Schools