PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY 2008

WHEREAS the Community Education concept represents an expanded role for public school resources and provides a mechanism to address both the present and potential educational needs of all community members by empowering students for lifelong learning with knowledge and skills needed at work, home, and in the community to compete in today’s global society; and

WHEREAS Community Education programming serves as an instrument to brighten individual futures, removes barriers to educational access, and supports student achievement by providing programmatic and financial support for students of all ages; and

WHEREAS the principles of Community Education are Self-Determination, Self-Help, Leadership Development, Localization, Integrated Delivery of Services, Maximum Use of Resources, Inclusiveness, Responsiveness, and Lifelong Learning; and

WHEREAS the School District of Palm Beach County’s Adult and Community Education programs support the Superintendent’s initiative to enhance literacy, safety and the graduation rate by promoting the collaboration and involvement of families, community members, organizations, teachers, and students leading to a more meaningful experience for all; and

WHEREAS the theme of Community Education Day in 2008 is "Connecting Community Education to You”.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and School Board of Palm Beach County proclaim Friday, December 12, 2008, as COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY and encourage everyone to acknowledge the efforts of community education programs to inspire, motivate, and accomplish a vision that connects communities for today and a better tomorrow.

Done this 18th day of November, two thousand eight, in West Palm Beach, Florida

Arthur C. Johnson, Ph.D., Superintendent
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