

The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN OCTOBER
DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS WEEKS
BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SARASOTA COUNTY**

A Resolution designating the first two weeks in October of every year as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks" and encouraging our schools and universities to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 375,000 students with disabilities in Florida's K-12 education system; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 is founded on four principles: inclusion, full participation, economic self-sufficiency, and equality of opportunity for all people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a key method of promoting these four principles is for our schools to recognize the contributions by people with disabilities to our society and provide instruction in disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement through school curriculum, school assemblies, and other school activities, and it is desirable that state postsecondary institutions promote activities that provide education awareness and understanding regarding people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature also encourages cooperation between the school system, postsecondary institutions, and the community at large, to promote better treatment and fairer hiring practices for people with disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Sarasota County that the Board urges our schools to provide intensive instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement, especially during the first two weeks of October, and periodically throughout the school year, and encourages other institutions to conduct and promote educational activities on those subjects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first two weeks in October of every year be recognized as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks" in Sarasota County, Florida

Approved by the Board on: _____
(Date)

By: _____
(Chair of the Board)

