

*A Resolution of the School Board of Clay County, Florida,
Proclaiming the weeks of October 1 – 15, 2009, as
“Disability History and Awareness Weeks” for the School District of Clay County*

KNOW ALL CITIZENS BY THESE PRESENT, that the Clay County School Board, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereby recognizes the weeks of October 1 – 15, 2009, as “Disability History and Awareness Weeks,” and encourages student and teacher participation in activities which increase their knowledge, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities, the history of disability, and the disability rights movement.

***WHEREAS,** Florida’s education system is based upon the principle that all individuals shall have the opportunity to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to achieve their full potential and contribute to the general welfare of the community; and*

***WHEREAS,** educational programs for students with disabilities incorporate this fundamental principle; and*

***WHEREAS,** student with disabilities receive a variety of specialized services and instruction that enable them to participate in, and benefit from, educational activities; and*

***WHEREAS,** access to assistive technology and communication devices, such as Braille, large print materials, sign language, and other accommodations to the general curriculum, allow students with disabilities to participate in classroom activities, benefit from instruction, and demonstrate their capabilities; and*

***WHEREAS,** students with disabilities are provided with transition services to prepare them to attain their desired post school outcomes including post secondary education, employment, and adult living; and*

***WHEREAS,** the State of Florida has demonstrated its commitment to school improvement and accountability for all students which will increase positive outcomes for students with disabilities ages birth through 21; and*

***WHEREAS,** Florida teachers, paraprofessionals, and other educators work daily to assist these students and their parents to achieve their goals and progress on the path to excellence; and*

***WHEREAS,** their contributions are worthy of recognition and appreciation.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OFFICIAL SESSION, DULY ASSEMBLED IN GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2009, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The School Board of Clay County recognizes and honors the dedicated teachers and thousands of other educators for their unselfish service, dedicated efforts and commitment to educational excellence, better treatment of individuals with disabilities, and encouragement of individuals with disabilities to develop self esteem and gain pride; and

Section 2. The School Board of Clay County, Florida, on behalf of all students and personnel, does hereby resolve to proclaim the weeks of October 1 – 15, 2009, as “Disability History and Awareness Weeks” for Clay County Schools; and

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the School Board of Clay County, Florida, distributed to all public schools and appropriate governmental bodies in Clay County, Florida.

*PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2009
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA*

Mr. Charles Van Zant, Jr., Chairman

Ms. Lisa Graham, Vice-Chairman

Ms. Carol Vallencourt

Mr. Frank Farrell

Ms. Carol Studdard