

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there are approximately three hundred seventy-five thousand (375,000) students with disabilities in Florida's K-12 education system and approximately six thousand (6,000) students with disabilities in Escambia County; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that students with disabilities experience greater academic and social challenges than non-disabled students; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County School District finds that in order to ensure the full inclusion of all people into society, there is a need to increase public awareness of the history of disabilities and the disability rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County School District finds that instruction on disability history, people with disabilities and the disability rights movement will increase respect for and acceptance of people with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of the Escambia County, Florida does hereby recognize the month of October 2017, as

DISABILITY HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

and hereby encourages our schools to provide instruction on disability history, people with disabilities, and the disability rights movement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the regular meeting of said Board and that a copy be tendered to Mrs. Teri Szafran, Director of Exceptional Student Education.

Adopted this 19th day of September, 2017

Gerald W. Boone, Chair
School Board of Escambia County

ATTEST:

Malcolm Thomas, Superintendent
School District of Escambia County