

Proclamation

REQUESTED BY
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, one in six children goes to bed hungry every day according to a 2008 survey; and

WHEREAS, children from food-insecure families are 90% more likely to be in fair or poor health and have 30% higher rates of hospitalization; and

WHEREAS, eighty-five percent of organizations dedicated to combating hunger in Broward County report an increased demand for services and two-thirds report not being able to meet those demands; and

WHEREAS, almost half of all applications for food stamps in Broward County are currently rejected, leaving families with few options for support; and

WHEREAS, the Million Meals Committee, a community collaborative established by the Coordinating Council of Broward and supported by the Children's Services Council of Broward, works to eradicate hunger in our community; and

WHEREAS, as part of their mission, the Million Meals Committee has created efficient and effective food collection and distribution systems to ensure that no Broward County resident goes hungry; and

WHEREAS, the CAN-TEENS are a youth-driven volunteer organization partnering with the Million Meals Committee by helping stock food pantries, raise hunger awareness and fundraise; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That the County Commission urges all Broward County residents to be aware of the needs faced by thousands among our families, friends, neighbors and co-workers and come together in helping to eradicate hunger and hereby designates the week of June 1-7, 2009 as "**HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK**" in Broward County,

May 12, 2009
Date



Steve Pitter
Mayor