RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for over 30 years, the National School Breakfast Program has contributed to the physical and academic development of Florida’s students; and

WHEREAS, studies show that children who live in families that experience hunger are more likely to have lower math scores, face an increased likelihood of repeating a grade, receive more special education services; show increased errors, have slower memory recall; and are more likely to be overweight; and

WHEREAS, a school breakfast is often the only morning meal available to many children and, therefore, represents a vital part of the initiative to improve the education skills of students and psychological well-being; and

WHEREAS, studies show students participating in the School Breakfast Program have improved attendance and punctuality, increased attention and memory recall and improved math, reading and standardized test scores; and

WHEREAS, research shows that children who have school breakfast eat more fruits, drink more milk and consume less saturated fat; and

WHEREAS, the School Breakfast Program promotes the increased consumption of high quality, nutritious, agricultural products from Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Food, Nutrition and Wellness, in conjunction with other health and nutrition organizations, is dedicated to the educational and physical success of Florida’s students by creating public awareness of the impact of hunger on a child’s ability to learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Brevard County, Florida hereby proclaims the week of September 17-21, 2012 as

FLORIDA SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Board of Brevard County expresses their appreciation to the school foodservice professionals who make the School Breakfast Program work in the 85 schools in our district.