PROCLAMATION
GARDENS OF HOPE AWARENESS DAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

WHEREAS, local organizations are dedicated to empowering people and communities to achieve wellness and well-being through expertise, education, and guidance, and;

WHEREAS, local organizations can provide an absolute mind-body-spirit experience to students and all those involved, to include hands-on nutrition education, movement, leadership skills, and peer collaboration, and;

WHEREAS, community efforts grant opportunities to students, so they may utilize strategies that increase fruit and vegetable consumption, food literacy, and offer the availability, safety, and convenience of fresh organic produce, and;

WHEREAS, community organizations offer education, in the form of cooking, gardening, and eating herbs/vegetables, thereby multiplying the learning experience through classroom and garden experiences, and;

WHEREAS, community organizations offer a unique opportunity to combat obesity and foster improved health, while cultivating an early appreciation for beneficial foods, and;

WHEREAS, the School District of Palm Beach County, Florida hereby resolves that its employees, their families, and students should be encouraged to participate in child nutrition programs, safe food practices, healthy eating environments, school gardens, nutrition education, and promotional outreach, with the intention of improving staff and students' health, academic achievements, and reducing childhood obesity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and School Board of Palm Beach County do hereby proclaim Thursday, April 28, 2022 as Gardens of Hope Awareness Day.

Done this eleventh day of May, two thousand twenty-two, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Frank A. Barbieri, Jr., Esq., Board Chair

Michael J. Burke, Superintendent