

RESOLUTION NUMBER 01-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA,
DECLARING SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL NURSES IN ALL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, a licensed nurse draws upon her assets of education, experience and skills to detect potential health problems, recognize and manage illness, administer first aid, offer skilled health guidance and counseling, detect potential health problems, make necessary medical referral, and act as the personal physician's extension into the school setting to meet the health needs of the child during the school day; and

WHEREAS, student attendance and academic grades are improved by the school nurse's early detection disease, and by adequate assessment and judgment when students are well enough to remain in school; and

WHEREAS, school nurses collaborate with administrators to promote a healthy, safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Nurses, ninety-eight percent of school nurses have saved a child's life, eighty-two percent have identified an abused child and sixty-seven percent have counseled a depressed/suicidal student; and

WHEREAS, teachers are able to devote their time to educating students because the school nurse coordinates the health care needs of the students; and

WHEREAS, parents are confident their children's health needs and injuries are appropriately addressed by a licensed nurse during the school day.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA does hereby declare their support in requesting from the Florida State Legislature and Governor Jeb Bush to provide new funding to Florida's sixty-seven public school districts for school nurses in every school.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Howard Rynearson	<u>aye</u>
Daniel Hughes	<u>aye</u>
Terry Cain	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>aye</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>

DULY ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2001.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: Marsha Segal-George
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

By: Daniel Hughes
Daniel Hughes, Mayor

Approved as to form by

Richard V.S. Roosa
Richard V.S. Roosa, Town Attorney