

Proclamation

School Board of Polk County
Bartow, Florida

WHEREAS, our community and communities across Polk are welcoming many neighbors, friends, employees and citizens from countries and cultures throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Americans have growing social, cultural and economic ties to the global community, offering great opportunities, but presenting new challenges as we seek to communicate with and understand our international partners from different language and cultural background; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that students with four or more years of foreign language study score higher on college entrance examinations than students who do not; and

WHEREAS, studying other languages has shown to contribute to increased cognitive skills, better academic performance and a greater understanding of others, while also providing life-long learning opportunities for people beyond school age; and

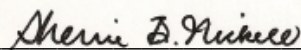
WHEREAS, developing skills in a new language fosters personal and intellectual growth in students while contributing to economic prosperity, national security and world stability; and

WHEREAS, language educators are working cooperatively to promote the benefits of language learning to students, parents, business, industry, health, and social service leaders, and policy makers throughout the nation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT resolved by the School Board of Polk County, Florida, that we proclaim February 7-11, 2011 as:

The Year of Languages

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the
Seal of the School Board of Polk County, to be affixed at Bartow,
Florida, this 25th day of January, 2011.



Sherrie B. Nickell Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



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