

WHEREAS, we are celebrating the contributions of Volusia County's classroom teachers, who demonstrate an exceptional capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities; and

WHEREAS, teachers demonstrate a superior ability to foster excellence in education and contribute to the continuous improvement of student learning and the school environment; and

WHEREAS, teachers play a crucial role in making sure every child receives a quality public education and work hard each day to make public schools great for every child; and

WHEREAS, public schools are at the heart of any community; and

WHEREAS, 2008 Teacher of the Year nominees represent the best of public education and thousands of outstanding professional educators in Volusia County schools who are making a life-long impact on our students; and

WHEREAS, the County Council wishes to recognize the accomplishments of these dedicated individuals in teaching our youth; **NOW**, **THEREFORE**,

WE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim February 9, 2007, as:

"TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY"

in Volusia County and urge all residents to join the County Council in congratulating **Catharine Hagan Colwell** for being nominated for the 2008 Teacher of the Year award.

Dated this 9th day of February, 2007 A.D.

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