WHEREAS, as a result of global electromagnetic pollution, people of all ages in Broward County and throughout the world have developed an illness known as Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS); and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) is a painful chronic condition of hypersensitivity reactions to electromagnetic radiation in the environment for which there is currently no known cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of EMS include dermal changes, dermatitis, acute tingling and numbness, muscular weakness, headaches, heart rate changes, nausea, gastric problems, loss of visual acuity, severe neurological, respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS, EMS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the U.S. Access Board; and

WHEREAS, the health of the general population is at risk from electromagnetic exposures that can lead to this illness induced by electromagnetic radiations; and

WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiation, in both indoor and outdoor environments, and further scientific research to be conducted including genetics; and

WHEREAS, people with EMS need the support of the medical establishment, and the understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with their illness and learn to adapt to new lifestyles; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That the Board hereby designates the month of May 2009 as "ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY (EMS) AWARENESS MONTH" in Broward County, Florida.