

# Proclamation



## ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2016

**WHEREAS**, good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason, is a proven predictor of academic problems and increased dropout rates; and

**WHEREAS**, when schools, families and communities work together to provide young people with early intervention services, chronic absenteeism can be reduced; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to raise awareness about chronic absenteeism so that all young people, their families, and the community can understand the disadvantages of not attending school; and

**WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia government is dedicated to reducing chronic absenteeism rates starting as early as pre-kindergarten:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**, do hereby proclaim September 2016, in Washington, DC, as "ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH".



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Muriel Bowser", written over a horizontal line.