

## **Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season!**

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*Broward County Commission, District 6*

As we bring 2008 to a close, we are reminded that regardless of our religious heritage, the holidays are a very special time of year for all of us. Decorating of homes, sharing treasured family recipes and traditions, exchanging of gifts, the quality time spent with family and friends, and resolving to accomplish even more in the coming year, are among the holiday customs that date back for centuries. Many of these customs are symbolic of the continuance of life and perpetual revitalization.

The tradition of making New Year's resolutions dates back to ancient times. The earliest evidence of this practice began with the Babylonians in 153 BCE, whose most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment. Later, the fall of the Roman Empire saw some of the more popular practices incorporated into the emerging Judeo-Christian world -- but with new meaning and symbolism attached.

In modern times, people continue to resolve to make improvements to themselves and their relationships with others. As always, I resolve to continue working hard to represent all the residents of District 6 and Broward County ... and to continue fighting for reform and good government.

I hope this holiday season represents our community's desire for peace, friendship and good will among all people. On behalf of my family and my aides Dee Platt, Nancy Fear and Eric Rosenberg -- I wish you and your loved ones much happiness and health in the coming year.

I invite you to check out my website – [www.broward.org/sue](http://www.broward.org/sue) - for useful information and pictures of events in our community. And, as always, if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at my downtown office at 954-357-7006 or by e-mail at [sgunzburger@broward.org](mailto:sgunzburger@broward.org). I'm always happy to meet with you, either at the Governmental Center downtown Fort Lauderdale or by appointment at my district office in the new Hollywood Branch Library.

We wish you a very Happy Holiday Season!