

Demetrio Pérez, Jr., M.S., Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-18 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING
PAN AMERICAN DAY, APRIL 14, 1999, AND PAN AMERICAN WEEK**

On April 14, 1890, representatives of the nations of this hemisphere met at the First International Conference of American States. At that meeting they adopted a resolution forming what is now known as the Organization of American States (OAS). In commemoration of that historic date, in 1930 the International Union of American Republics, presently known as the Pan American Union of the OAS, designated April 14 as Pan American Day, and it has been observed annually since then.

In the words of President Clinton, "All Americans should renew their commitment to our forefathers' dream of an inter-American system. The hemisphere of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, of Simón Bolívar and José de San Martín, establishes an example of freedom for the rest of the world. With democracy as the cornerstone of a new working partnership, we can achieve a revolutionary level of cooperation among the countries of America."

Our community and school district are closely linked to our neighbors in the Caribbean Basin and South America. Our powerful ties to those nations include our shared history, government, economy, diverse culture, and various languages.

For these reasons, it is appropriate that the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the observance of Pan American Day, April 14, 1999, and Pan American Week.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR., M.S.:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-18 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing Pan American Day, April 14, 1999, and Pan American Week.

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RESOLUTION NO. 99-18 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ENDORING PAN AMERICAN DAY, APRIL 14, 1999,
AND PAN AMERICAN WEEK

WHEREAS, representatives of the nations of this hemisphere met more than a century ago to establish the institution now known as the Organization of American States (OAS), based upon the principles of democracy, peace, security, and prosperity, and to make a firm commitment to mutual cooperation throughout the hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, in 1930 the International Union of American Republics, now known as the Pan American Union of the OAS, designated April 14 as Pan American Day, which has been observed annually ever since; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Pan American Day and Pan American Week the President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, has urged all Americans to renew their commitment to an inter-American system with democracy as its cornerstone in order to achieve a revolutionary level of cooperation among the countries of America; and

WHEREAS, our community and school district are closely linked to our neighbors in the Caribbean Basin and South America through our shared history, government, economy, diverse culture, and various languages.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-18 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, as proposed by Demetrio Pérez, Jr., endorsing Pan American Day, April 14, 1999, and Pan American Week.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1999

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary