

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-06 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING MARCH AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH"

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/ PREPARATION FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES
- V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/ BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

In 1998, the Florida Legislature amended Section 233.061, Florida Statutes, to require instruction in "women's contributions to the United States." The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Pupil Progression Plan requires the study of women's contributions to the United States through the required K-12 social studies instructional program. Each year, the Congress of the United States issues a resolution designating March as "Women's History Month." Additionally, a Presidential Proclamation is issued encouraging all Americans to "Observe this month...and remember the many voices and stories of courageous women who have made our Nation strong."

The Division of Social Sciences/Special Programs, in cooperation with the Community Coalition for Women's History, will provide instructional materials/resources to all schools to support school-based activities. It is requested that the School Board endorse this resolution as a continuing example of leadership and with the recognition that it will create a heightened awareness and appreciation of the many significant contributions women have made to the United States.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating March as Women's History Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-06 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MARCH 1999, AS
"WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH," TO BE CELEBRATED
IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Whereas American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways;

Whereas American women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home;

Whereas American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation;

Whereas American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation;

Whereas American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement;

Whereas American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other movements, especially the peace movement, which create a more fair and just society for all; and

Whereas despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued in the literature, teaching, and study of American History;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Miami-Dade County School Board that March is designated as "Women's History Month." The Superintendent of Schools is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation for this month, calling upon Miami-Dade County Public Schools to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-06 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, designating March 1999, as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH, to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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

Presented this 10th Day of February, A.D. 1999

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary