

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of August 25, 1999

August 16, 1999

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-26 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO PROCLAIM OCTOBER AS NATIONAL MAGIC MONTH

Magicians not only provide imagination stimulating entertainment for children and their families, but their professional organizations also promote safety awareness programs during the back to school rush and Halloween. Local magicians are very supportive of Child Watch, a community organization that teaches children to recognize and avoid potentially dangerous situations. Next month, magicians and Child Watch personnel will present safety lessons to our public school students with the help of magic. It is hoped that these magical presentations will capture the attention of our students and encourage their adherence to common sense safety rules.

In October, a public awareness campaign promoting children's safety debuts. Halloween Extravaganza Safe-Night is scheduled as the campaign's culminating event on October 31. Its theme is "Children are the Magic in our Lives," and participation is expected from many South Florida magicians, MADD, Planned Parenthood, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the Police Athletic League, the Jimmy Ryce Foundation, and the Gun Safety Lobby.

The local chapter of International Brotherhood of Magicians is having its annual convention in Miami Beach in mid-October. The organization is hoping to announce at the convention that National Magic Month is a reality. As a political body looking after the welfare of our children, the Board should join the national effort to proclaim October as National Magic Month.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the nationwide effort to proclaim October as National Magic Month.

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RESOLUTION NO. 99-26 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
SUPPORTING THE NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO PROCLAIM
OCTOBER AS NATIONAL MAGIC MONTH

WHEREAS, magic is a wholesome form of entertainment that stimulates the imaginations of children; and

WHEREAS, professional magician organizations have charitable foundations that encourage magic skills in children and support safety awareness programs during the back to school rush and Halloween; and

WHEREAS, the local chapter of the International Brotherhood of Magicians is having its annual convention in our community this October; and

WHEREAS, magicians perform to inspire, to provoke thought, and to encourage children to practice common sense safety rules;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the nationwide effort to proclaim October as National Magic Month.

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

Presented this twenty-fifth day of August, A.D. 1999

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary