

Demetrio Pérez, Jr., Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-29 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 1999 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: III - READING/LANGUAGE ARTS
IV - BILINGUALISM
V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

October has been designated as National Hispanic Heritage Month for more than twenty-five years. This designation prompts the more than one million citizens of Hispanic heritage living in Miami-Dade to join with citizens from other diverse backgrounds in celebrating the contributions made by Hispanics to the cultural, social and economic development of the United States of America.

Hispanic Heritage Month in South Florida is deemed to be one of the top ten Hispanic festivals in the United States. In addition to various competitions, pageants, performances, and other community-based activities planned for October, Hispanic Heritage Month in South Florida also includes an essay contest for Miami-Dade County Public Schools students.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DEMETRIO PÉREZ, JR.: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve Resolution No. 99-29 supporting the recognition of October 1999 as Hispanic Heritage Month; and
2. direct the Superintendent to encourage staff, students, parents and the community-at-large to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-29
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 1999 AS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month will be celebrated throughout Miami-Dade County in October; and

WHEREAS, Florida statutes requires the study of Hispanic contributions to U.S. history in grades K-12; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic Heritage Council of Miami-Dade County coordinates, in cooperation with many different agencies and institutions, an exciting calendar of events highlighting all aspects of Hispanic culture; and

WHEREAS, promoting understanding and harmony among people is important to communities and their institutions; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' effort to provide its students with programs and services which emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity and awareness, intercultural and intergroup relations, and cross-cultural communications is ongoing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-29, submitted by Demetrio Pérez, Jr., Board Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming October 1999 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this eighth day of September 1999

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary