

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-25 PROCLAIMING  
NOVEMBER 29, 1999 - DECEMBER 3, 1999, AS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS  
WEEK**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:**

- II - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT/PREPARATION  
FOR POST SECONDARY EXPERIENCES**
- VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES**
- IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/  
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

It is requested that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designate November 29, 1999 - December 3, 1999, as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week. The main thrust of HIV/AIDS Awareness Week is to increase awareness, address the educational needs and concerns of the school and community, and to participate in the World AIDS Day observance, December 1, 1999.

Administrators, teachers, parents, students, and community leaders are encouraged to participate in activities scheduled during the week.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-25 proclaiming November 29, 1999 - December 3, 1999, as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 25 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROCLAIMING HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK**

**November 29, 1999 - December 3, 1999**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has designated December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen the worldwide effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has estimated 33.4 million people to be living with HIV/AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, every minute, five young people around the globe are infected with HIV; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 in 250 Americans is currently HIV positive and more than 688,200 individuals have been diagnosed with AIDS in the United States since 1981; and,

WHEREAS, more than 410,800 deaths in the United States have been caused by AIDS since 1981; and,

WHEREAS, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports 688,200 AIDS cases in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, Florida ranks third among states in the nation with reported cases of AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, Miami ranks second among cities in the nation with reported cases of children with AIDS; and,

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 new HIV infections in America occurs in people under the age of 22.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaim November 29, 1999 - December 3, 1999, as "HIV/AIDS Awareness Week" to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a local challenge, to promote HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

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

Presented this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1999  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Superintendent of Schools