

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-31 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NOVEMBER 1999 AS FLORIDA MEDIATION MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:** V - MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION  
VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES  
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/  
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Approval is requested for Resolution No. 99-31 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 1999 as Florida Mediation Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Established by State of Florida Resolution in 1998, the purpose of Mediation Month is to raise awareness and promote among all citizens an appreciation for the importance of mediation thereby in helping citizens work toward a peaceful resolution of conflict without court intervention, freeing precious resources that ultimately derive from the taxpayers. By endorsing this resolution, the Board continues to exemplify leadership through empowering students and other citizens in Miami-Dade County with conflict resolution and mediation skills, which will shape the consciousness of future generations.

This item does not appear in the published agenda. Good cause exists to vary from the published agenda in that there will be no meeting of the School Board prior to the beginning day of the month-long celebration on November 1, 1999.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. approve Resolution No. 99-31 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 1999 as Florida Mediation Month to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.
2. direct the Superintendent to encourage staff, students, parents, and the community-at-large to observe Florida Mediation Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-31  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
ENDORING NOVEMBER 1999, AS FLORIDA MEDIATION MONTH  
TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports Florida Mediation Month and its ongoing effort to educate the community about the merits of mediation; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of Mediation Month is to instill in students and other citizens an understanding of mediation concepts and the process which helps citizens work towards peaceful resolution of conflict without court intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that Miami-Dade County Public Schools continue to provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to peacefully resolve campus disputes and a heightened awareness regarding the significant impact of mediation; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' efforts to provide its students with programs and services which emphasize nonviolence conflict resolution, sensitivity and awareness, intercultural and intergroup relations, and cross-cultural communication is ongoing.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-31; submitted by Dr. Robert B. Ingham, Member, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 1999 as Mediation Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twentieth day of October, 1999 A. D.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary