

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-33 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF NOVEMBER 1999 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

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

Approval is requested for Resolution No. 99-33 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 1999 as Native American Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Begun as an annual week-long celebration in 1976, the formal recognition of North American Indians was expanded to a month by Presidential Proclamation in 1990. It was then that November was designated as Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Native Americans. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize and celebrate the many cultural, social, spiritual and economic contributions of American Indians to the United States.

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. 99-33 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida supporting the recognition of November 1999 as Native American Heritage Month; and
2. direct the Superintendent to encourage staff, students, parents, and the community-at-large to observe Native American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-33
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 1999 AS
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, an official week-long national celebration of North American Indians was begun in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the month of November was designated by Presidential Proclamation in 1990 as Native American Heritage Month; and

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

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools affirms the significance and importance of this merited recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-33, submitted by Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming November as Native American Heritage 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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary