

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-46 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING FEBRUARY 2000 AS NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY THEME MONTH TO BE CELEBRATED IN 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 99-46 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing February 2000 as National Black History Theme Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

National Black History Theme Month was begun by Harvard-trained historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1915 as a week-long observance and was expanded to the entire month of February in 1976 in conjunction with the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States. This annual designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize, and celebrate the many cultural, social, spiritual, and economic contributions of African Americans to the United States.

The annual theme is selected by the organization founded by Dr. Woodson, The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH). The 2000 theme is "Heritage and Horizons: The African-American Legacy and the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Curriculum materials and speakers related to this theme are available at the Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida, Inc.

This resolution will support the implementation of the African American history legislation required by the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County Public Schools' policy.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

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

1. approve Resolution No. 99-46 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the recognition of February 2000 as Black History Theme Month; and
2. direct the Superintendent to encourage staff, students, parents, and the community-at-large to observe Black History Theme Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 99-46**  
**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 2000 AS**  
**NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY THEME MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, an official national celebration of African Americans was begun in 1915 by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson as a week-long observance and was expanded in 1976 to the entire month February during the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the study of African American history is required by state legislation and Miami-Dade County Public Schools' policy; 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. 99-46, submitted by Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming February as National Black History Theme Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twelfth day of January, A. D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary