

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-13 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RECOGNITION OF MAY 2000 AS ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

Approval is requested for Resolution No. 00-13 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing May 2000 as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Begun as an annual week-long celebration in 1977, the formal recognition of Asian-Pacific Americans was expanded to a month by Congress and President George Bush in 1992. May was then designated as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social and economic contributions of Asian-Pacific Americans to the United States.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

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

1. approve Resolution No. 00-13 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the recognition of May 2000 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and
2. direct the Superintendent to encourage staff, students, parents, and the community-at-large to observe Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 00-13
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAIMING MAY 2000
AS ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports multicultural education and its ongoing efforts to educate the community about the merits of multicultural understanding; and

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

WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific American Heritage "week" was designated by Congress in 1977 and heralded by President Jimmy Carter in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was designated by Congress and by President George Bush in 1992; and

WHEREAS, the Asian-Pacific population is the fastest growing ethnic community in the United States; 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. 00-13, submitted by Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming May as Asian-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 twelfth day of April, 2000 A.D.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary